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AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

NEGRO LEADERS CONFER WITH THE PRESIDENT

IT IS NOW "MAJOR" CHARLES YOUNG

"Mu-So-Lit" Club is Seeking a Club Home—A Fund for the Douglass Homestead — Chase and Wilder for Delegate.

Thompson's National News Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 31.—That President Taft's attitude toward the Negro people of this country has been misunderstood or misrepresented was made apparent at a notable conference a few days ago at the White House, in which the Chief Executive, together with a coterie of colored federal officials, went over fully and frankly all of the questions that have been perplexing the minds of our brethren throughout the land. The gentlemen present at the conference were: James C. Napier, Registrar of the Treaasury; Henry Lincoln Johnson, Recorder of Deeds; William H. Lewis, Assistant Attorney-General; Ralph W. Tyler, Auditor for the Navy Department, and Whitefield McKinley, Collector for the Port of Georgetown.

The visitors are said to have submitted in the most candid vein the feelings and sentiments of the race upon the alleged "Southern policy" of the President, as interpreted through his inaugural address. "Jim-crow" cars, disfranchisement, lynching, segregation and backwardness in the promotion of deserving Negroes in the federal service were also discussed. Speaking for their people in the South, Messrs. Napier and Johnson adavised the President how greatly it discouraged the loyal colored citizens to feel that they must be excluded from participation in the affairs of the government, for which they had fought in battle, and to the economic development of which they had given their best endeavors. Messrs. Lewis and Tyler told of the demoralization that had crept among the colored people of the Northern States, where the Negro vote was a factor in the success of the Republican party. The situation was laid bare. Nothing was withheld or concealed on either side.

The conference was held in the library of the White House on Wednesday, the 17th, from 6 to 8 o'clock, and so interesting did the analysis of the issues become that the interview was continued on the following evening, again laasting two hours.

The President's True Sentiments.

Briefly stated, the true attitude of President Taft, as gleaned from the interview at the White House, is as follows:

He is opposed on principle to "jim-crow" cars.

He is against the practice of lynching.

He is against disfranchisement of citizens on account of race.

His alleged "Southern policy" does not exclude Negroes from the holding of office.

He is opposed to discriminations against colored employes in the federal service, and will investigaate any definite case brought to his attention.

He believes in the highest possibilities of the Negro race, and is willing to do all that lies in his power to aid us in reaching the fullests development as men and citizens.

Some of the revelations brought by the visitors seemed to surprise the President. He had no means of knowing many of the things exposed, except through the channel through which they now came, and he was pleased to have the light that had been thrown upon the matters discussed.

It was not doubted that his inaugural address had been incorrectly construed by subordinates. Of this the gentlemen felt assured. The interview closed with mutual expressions of good will and absolute confidence is felt that the future relations between the President of the United States and the colored citizens of the land will be all that the most ardent paatriot could desire. Misunderstandings have been cleared up, and the rank and file of the race will take up their work with new hopes and brighter prospects for the attainment of the goal they have so long and patiently sought. As a distinguished member of the nation's official family happily puts it:

"The Negro citizens are closer to the present administration than they have been to any administration since emancipation."

The agencies that brought about this very satisfactory exchange of views on the vital questions affecting the raace are to be congratulated upon the success that has attended their efforts.

r. Hilles May Open Headquarters for Taft.

Current report has it that headquarters may be opened here, where the friends of President Taft may rally for information, and from which the campaign for nomination may be systematically directed. In all probability the management of this campaign will be placed in the skilful hands of Secretary Charles D. Hilles. It seems generally aagreed, as we outlined in these letters long ago, that Mr. Hilles will also be made chair chairman of the Republican national committee and entrusted with the direction of the campaign of the President before the people. Such an arrangement would be the very best that could be done, and will be highly satisfactory to our people everywhere.

The opponents of President Taft, up to this time, have had the floor, and have made a lot of noise that has tended to deceive the superficial observer into the belief that the party, black and white, is in revolt against his leadership. Close examination of the facts is demonstrating that the major portion of this cry is merely noise without rhyme or reason. With a definite organization in sight to carry on a campaign of education and to show up the situation in its true colors, there will be an irresistible waave of enthusiasm for the President that will assure him of four more years in the office which he has administered with so much dignity and with resultant prosperity for all Americans. It is expected that headquarters will be opened within the fewest of days, and the great battle of 1912 will be "on." If Mr. Hilles takes charge, according to the wish of the President and the party at large, he may resign as secretary, in which event he will doubtless be succeeded by one of the able and courteous gentlemen now at the White House, and to whom Negro visitors are deeply indebted for the cordial greetings that have invariably been extended to them there.

If there has been complaint in some quarters over the alleged "leaderless" condition of the colored workers, all ground for such complaint is to be removed. Assurance is given from a reliaable source that the plan of organization is being perfected and that the labor of the campaign will be so equitably divided that every man will have his task to perform and that the burden will thus rest lightly upon all. From now on there will be "news" that will be "some news," too, so 'tis said.

"Mu-So-Lits" Seeking a Club Home.

At an enjoyable social session of the "cabinet" of the Mu-So-Lit Club, convened by invitation last Thursday evening at the handsome residence of Mr. Robert A. Pelham, the newly elected president, a decided "boost" was Fgiven to the project to acquire a permanent home for the club. After a series of contests of whist and while discussing the toothsome luncheon prepared by the accomplished Mrs. Pelham, a candid review of the ways and means necessary to secure possession of a suitably located piece of property was gone over, and the consensus of opinion was that steps should be taken looking to the purchase of a desirable house, if the price was within reach. A committee made up of Messrs. C. J. Pickett, Arthur S. Gray, H. D. Wood[illegible], John C. Nalle and W. H. Haynes was appointed to make investigations. The matter will be further discussed at another luncheon this evening, when the "caabinet" will be entertained by Mr. G. Luther Sadgwar, the newly appointed chairman of the executive committee. Mr. Sadgwar's colleagues will be Messrs. S. J. Davidson, Charles E. Hall, G. Smith Wormley, M. Grant Lucas, John C. Nalle, A. S. Gray and H. D. Woodson. Other officers present, besides those mentioned, were C. J. Pickett, vice-president; R. W. Thompson, corresponding secretary; Alfred P. Lewis, recording secretary, and Dr. C. Sumner Wormley, treasurer. This is the first time a president has held such a reception for his "cabinet," and the workers of the club are jubilant over the "policies" of the new Pelham administration. At the February meeting of the organization twenty-five new members will be elected.

It Is Now "Major" Charles Young.

The United States Army establishment has a new major of color—the only one now in the service. Capt. Charles Young, whose long and useful career as a West Point student, military instructFor at Wilberforce, military attache at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, soldier in Cuba, the Philippines and on the Mexican border of our own country, as well as at various stations in the land, is well known to every reader of the papers, has successfully passed the examination required, and is now a full-fledged "Major" in the regular army. The test was given at ort Riley, aKn., before a board composed of veteran military tacticians, and Major Young came off with flying colors.

He sails this week for Monrovia, Liberia, where he assumes the duties of military attache, representing the United States government. He will be accompanied by three young men, graduates of American colleges, who will hold honorable military offices, bear military titles and be paid handsomely from the LiFberian revenues, which are to be collected by an American financial director—a receiver-general. Dr. Wilson Ballard, of Louisville, Ky., is to be a major at $2,000 per annum and quarters; Dr. Arthur Brown, of Chicago, and Mr. Richard Newton, of Washington, D. C., are to be captains at $1,600 and quarters. These young men have been selected by Major Young because of their fitness and they will assist him in the performance of the arduous duties that will fall to his lot. One of the most exacting will be the organization and equipment of a Liberian constabulary. Major and Mrs. Young are the guests of the Dickerson family, 1711 Eleventh street northwest. Mrs. Young, who is a Californian by birth, will not go to Liberia for the present, as she desires to see something of Washington and the East before leaving the country. They have been the recipients of many social courtesies during their stay here.

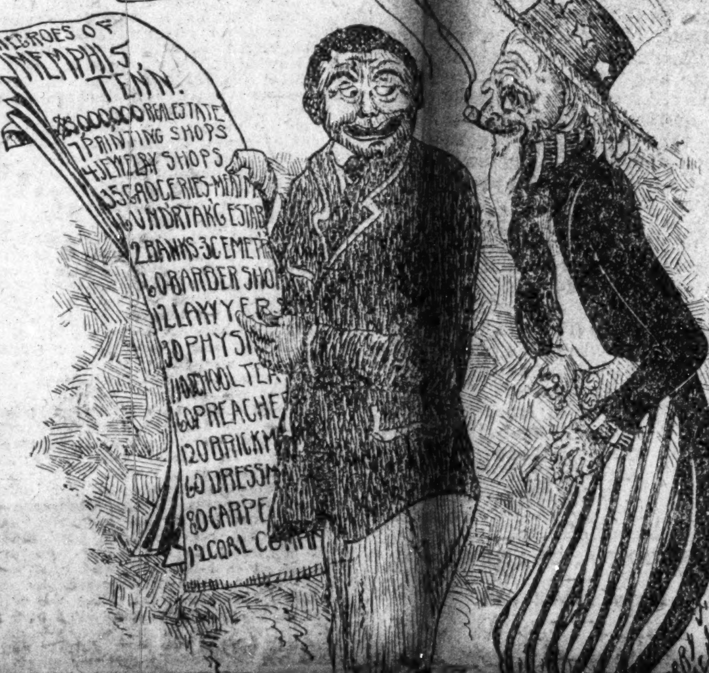
Lieutenant Clarke in Ohio.

Lieut. Thomas H. R. Clarke, who served as a judge-advocate at ort Thomas, Ky., during the Spanish-American war, delivered the Emancipation day address at Toledo, O., and made a pronounced hit. He saw many old Washington friends and interviewed everybody on the issues of the day. Every citizen of the Buckeye State is a "natural-born politician," says Lieut. Clarke. He reports that Mr. Albertus Brown, who was here with Senator Charles Dick, and who graduated in law at Howard, is doing finely in Toledo, and has a brilliant future at the bar. Mr. Brown was recently married to Miss Essie Watson, one of Ohio's charming young ladies.

A Fund for the Douglass Homestead.

Vigorous steps will be taken, it is understood, to develop the old homestead of Frederick Douglass into a "Mecca" for the colored people of the country. As stated in these columns, it is estimated that $25,000 will be necessary to finance the project along approved lines and make it a permanent institution. The mortgage now on the property amounts to over $4,000. To put the old house in good condition, to improve the grounds and to install the objects designed to make the place interesting, would call for about $6,000. An endowment fund of $15,000 would be needed to maintain the home, pay a moderate salary to a caretaker and intelligent guide, and provide for the many incidental expenses that would have to be met. Attorney T. J. Calloway will probably undertake the raising of the money, if the people of the nation seem willing to co-operate in the movement. It is believed that Mr. Andrew Carnegie would lend material aid to the plan, if he could be convinced that the masses would appreciate such a service in their behalf. Now is the time to get busy on this proposition. Race pride could not be demonstrated in a manner that would be more impressive to the world than to build at Anacostia a "Mecca" like unto the historic home of George Washington at Mount Vernon.

In Memphis They Do Things.



Chase and Wilder for Delegate.

Editor W. Calvin Chase, of the Washington Bee, and Dr. James R. Wilder, a well-known practicing physician, are engaged in a spirited contest for delegate to the Chicago convention. Both are being endorsed in lively fashion by the clubs in the twenty-two election districts of the city. The outsiders are keeping hands off, as the struggle is strictly a local affair, and should be confined to the people who vote here and nowhere else. It is understood that both Mr. Chase and Dr. Wilder are pledged to the renomination of President Taft.

Masons Ready for Coming of Dr. Washington.

The arrangements of the Masonic fraternity for the coming of Dr. Booker T. Washington are practically completed. The committees in charge of Grand Master N. E. Wetherless report that everything is in prime condition. The members and friends of the order will turn out in force. Provision is being made for the accommodation of a record-breaking crowd. Invitations have been extended to the various churches, the schools, secret fraternities, beneficial organizations and many federal officials, members of the bench and bar, and leaders in every walk of life will join in the masses in giving Dr. Washington a rousing reception. The address of Dr. Washington will be delivered in the spacious auditorium of the Metropolitan A. M. E. church at 8 o'clock Friday evening, February 9.

The News in a Nutshell.

Dr. J. E. Shepard, president of the National Religious Training School, Durham, N. C., will speak before the Bethel Literary Society February 20.

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Miss Daisy Caldwell, daughter of Bishop J. S. Caldwell, of Philadelpria, is one of the most promising students in the teachers' college at Howard University. She is specializing in domestic science and is a vocalist of great promise. She will finish here in June and take post-graduate work at Columbia College, New York City.

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Dr. Barker, physician to President Taft, talked to the medical students of Howard University last Sunday at vespers on the duty of "Setting Right."

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On February 5 Mrs. Harriet Gibbs Marshall will present the third of the Artists' Recitals, fostered by the Washington Conservatory of Music. Mr. Melville Charlton, organist, of New York City,F will be the stellar attraction. Among the supporting talent will be: Miss Lulu Vere Childers, contralto, director of music at Howard University; Miss Ruth Grimshaw, Mr. H. Leonard Jeter, 'cellist; and Miss Gladys earing.

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An immense mass meeting of fraternal orders was held Sunday afternoon at the Howard theater, under the auspices of the Order of St. Luke. The principal address was delivered by Rev. A. C. Barner, pastor of Plymouth Congregational church.

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Mrs. Lillian B. Henderson, who has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Tignor, returned to her home in Indianapolis, Ind., Sunday night. She met and was entertained by many of her old friends here.

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We asknowledge with pleasure the receipt of a handsomely engraved New Year's greeting from the American Minister and Mrs. Furniss, sent from the American Legation, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Grateful acknowledgement is made also in letters, post cards and vivid pen-pictures of the delightful scenes in and about Jamaica, received from Mme. Anita Patti Brown and Mme. Lou Ella B. Smith and reports of the enthusiastic reception accorded Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis upon her arrival at St. George's Bermuda. Our talented Afro-Americans invariably "make good" with the people who abide on other shores. Merit will surely tell.

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Rumor has it that Manager W. H. Daly will build a commodious theater for colored patrons in Baltimore. He is just the man to do it.

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Lawyer Perri W. Frisby, having secured a second reversal of the verdict of a lower court, which adjudged him guilty of forgery in connection with a real estate contract, will probably not be tried again for the alleged offense. The action of the Court of Appeals vindicates Mr. Frisby after one of the hardest-fought legal causes known to the District Courts. The friends of Mr. Frisby are pleased with his victory.

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The "Ben Davis National Volunteer Committee," designed to promote the candidacy of Mr. B. J. Davis, of Georgia, for the office of grand master of the G. U. O. of O. F., is headed by Associate Justice and former Grand Master W. L. Houston, of this city. Frank Farrell, of New Orleans, is secretary. The District of Columbia member of the committee is Charles S. Hill. A rumor that "will not down" connects the name of Mr. Houston with the office of grand secretary. It is understood that Mr. Houston denies the soft impeachment, but it is the general belief that if lassoed and brought under pressure, the genial Justice might be induced to accept the records and seals of the Negro's biggest fraternal order in the world.

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A colored Democratic organ is to be launched here with Napoleon B. Marshall as editor-in-chief. The office of the paper will be in the Maceo building, Eleventh and U streets, where William L. Offord, of Pennsylvania, holds forth as clerk in charge.

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Mr. J. E. Johnson, for many years an expert stenographer on the roll of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, whose position was abolished by the Democratic House, may be recalled, on account of the scarcity of stenographic material, due to the strike of the "extras," and because of his demonstrated capacity to do the exacting work required. Mr. Aaron Russell, a $1,600 assistant to the clerk of the House, quit his place a few days ago. His place was also abolished, but being assured by some one that the committee would change its mind by and by, he worked right along, until eight months had expired. In all this time Mr. he received not a penny of compensation. Mr. Russell was an authority on congressional documents, and was conculted daily by members of the House. He was one of the best-posted men in the country relative to affairs around the capitol. He is president of the Banneker Relief Association, one of the strongest beneficial organizations in the District.

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Mr. J. Archibald Lewis, in charge of the robing room of the Supreme Court of the United States at the Capitol, was seriously injured last week by a fall on the steps of the Senate wing of the building. His skull was fractured and the doctors say he has only a fighting chance for recovery. He is eighty-four years of age, and has been connected with the Supreme Court for many years.

CURRENT NEWS OF CHICAGO

COURT OF CALANTHE IN A HEALTHY CONDITION

DR. GORDON JACKSON OPENS OFFICE

The Harrison Emanuel Recital Greeted by a Large Audience—Scheme to Colonize Negroes on the South Side—Notes.

(By Cary B. Lewis.)

CHICAGO, Ill. (Special)), Jan. 31.

Mrs. C. A. Curl, of Thirty-fifth and Vernon avenue, reports to The Freeman representative that the Court of Calanthe of the country is continually growing numerically and financially. Mrs. Curl is Supreme Register of Deeds, and was reelected at Indianapolis, Ind., last year. She was elected to office fourteen years ago at Jacksonville, Ill., and has held office from thata time until now. She reports that the Court is growing in all sections of the country and that when they meet in Baltimore next year, she will be able to make the finest report ever made to the supreme body. The work is so large and correspondence so great that she is assisted by Miss Mayme Triplet, one of Chicago's most cultured and refined young women.

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DR. GORDON JACKSON.

Dr. Gordon Jackson has opened a magnificent and well appointed office at 3511 Statae street. His training bespeaks for him a brilliant career in the field of medicine and surgery, having attended the public schools at Cincinnati in his early youth, he pursued his studies further at Oberlin, finishing at Beloit College.

He engaged in the study of medicine at Physicians and Surgeons College in this city, graduating with a splendid record. He had no difficulty in passing the high requirements of the Statae Board of Health and was licensed to practice in this State.

In order to keep abreast of the times and be well qualified in the latest practices of his profession, he spent one year as interne in reedman's hospital, Washington, D. C., and was especially commended by the authorities for his skill in diagnosis.

The science of medicine in the last decade has made leaps and bounds. The practice of surgery has been revolutionized, giving the younger members of the profession a tremendous advantage in that they are traianed in the latest methods.

The intimate contact of internship that such a large hospital as Freedman's offords in promoting skill and efficiency, thousands of patients from all walks of life are brought there for special service afforded under governmental auspices.

Dr. Jackson represents the best blood and brain north of Mason and Dixon line. He has already a large and fast growing practice and the Freeman bespeaks for him a brilliant future.

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Harrison Emanuel's Recital.

Mr. Harrison Emanuel appeared in a violin recital Monday night of this week at KimbaFll hall, Wabash avenue and Jackson boulevard. Not since the appearance of Mme. E. Azalia Hackley last October has there been in attendance at a musicale so large and appreciative an audience as the one at Kimball hall on Monday night.

Mr. Emanuel seemed to realize the occasion and, with all of his ability, soul, and genius, proved thata he was a real artist and worthy of the highest commendation.

His first number was Concerto No. 2, by Wieniewski, and was rendered with skill and artistic temperament and showed his mastery over the stringed instrument. His harmonics were excellent and his memory of each number was perfect. The concert was a grand affair and Mr. Emanuel should feel proud of its success. He was assisted by Mrs. Marie Burton-Hyram. She rendered charmingly and sweetly, "Plus grande dans son obsurite" from "Queen of Sheba," and "Inspiration," the waltz song from Terry.

The numbers given by Mr. Emanuel were: a, Thias, Massenet; b, Ave Maria, Schubert-Wilhelmj; c, Zephyr, Hubay; d, Deep River, S. Colridge-Taylor; e, Caprice Viennous, Kreisler; d, antasia Caprice, Vieuxtemps.

Mr. Emanuel leaves next week for New York City to appear in the Pre-Lenten recital. There is every evidence to believe that Mr. Emanuel will "make good" in the East.

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Paul Dunbar Center.

Mr. W. H. A. Moore, former newspaper man, author, and now a social worker in Chicago and president of the Liberal Culture Society, is attraacting attention by proposing a movement which has for its aim the establishment of a South Side residence for Negroes, on a tract of land at present unimproved and which is located between Ninety-third and Ninety-fifth and State streets and Wentworth avenue. Speaking of the matter, Mr. Moore says: "We are opposed to being segregated, but are segregataed in spite of ourselves; so if we must be segregated we will try to determine how and where it shall be." Back of the scheme is the Liberal Culture Society. Lots will be sold on easy terms and a residence to cost not less than $1,500. A plot will be reserved for the erection of a building to be known as the Paul Lawrence Dunbar Center. On the first floor will be class rooms and lecture hall, the second to be used for an auditorium. In the basement there will be gymnasiums for men and women, club rooms for each and a swimming pool. It will be 10 by 125 feet facing on Ninety-fourth street. Mr. Moore speaking further of the matter said: "When the better element of the race seek to better their surroundings they are confronted with all kinds of obstacles. If they venture out into other localities and buy homes they find they are ostracised and that eventually their neighbors sell out and move away, leaving their families with the very surroundings they tried to escape. The district is to be made no licensed. The land of the center building is to be donated, and a lot will be given for a church site. It will be the duty of the promoter to look up the history of every purchaser." Mr. Moore is very jubilant over the matter and predicts for it a great success.

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Miss Herbert Webber, of Indianaapolis, Ind., is in the city stopping with her mother at 3815 State street. MiFs Webber was formerly stenographer at The Freeman office, Indianapolis, Ind. Miss Webber has come to stay and will most likely engage in stenographic work here.

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Miss Daisy Lewis, of New York, and Miss Mildred Simms, of Atlanta, Ga., are the two new girls that have come to Provident to study for trained nursing.

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Mrs. Lucile Burton has returned to the city from St. Paul, Minn. She resides at 3226 Prairie aavenue.

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The Garfield dancing class, which meets every Friday night at Masonic hall, Fortieth and State streets, held a Mardi Gras ball last Friday night. Mr. Wilson offered several prizes to the prettiest dressed and most comical masquaraders, and they were awarded.

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Miss Gladys Edwards, the popular soprano singer, will be married in February, and also Mr. Floyd Emanuel will marry one of the popular South Side girls. Both weddings are expected to be very swell.

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Mr. Joseph Snowden has been appointed clerk of election of the Twenty-third precinct of the Thirtieth ward. Mr. Snowden is the chief assistaant of William Webb, one of the influential political leaders of the town of Lake. This young man has made a rapid rise in the Republican party ranks and possibly will attain much in the future.

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The governing committee of the Assembly Dancing Club has announced February 14 as the night for their dance. Their last affair was largely attended by many of the social leaders of the city. The affair is usually very select. Oakland Music hall is the plaace for the function.

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The fight is on among the colored bosses for county commissioner, everyone is up in the air at the present time. The county central committee could not agree as to the candidate and the selection was left to the committee of one hundred. The leading men in the race are former Commissioner Oscar DePriest, Jackson Gordon, Louis Seldon and Dr. Edward S. Miller.

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Dr. H. Clay FBryant, a graduate of isk University and medical department of Northwestern University, recently an intern at Provident hospital, who has been at Birmingham, Ala., is in the city this week on business. The doctor was subpaened by the Statae to be a witness in a trial that is attracting more than local notice.

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Mr. Len Halfey and Mr. Louis Evans, of Louisville, Ky., are in the city on business. On last Saturday, Mr. Tom Shucks entertained the two gentlemen at dinner. Mrs. Shucks set an old-fashioned Kentucky meal for the young men. Their stay will be indefinite. They were formerly connected with the Lyre theater, Louisville, Ky.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fisher, 5615 Wabash avenue, entertained for their little daughter June, January 22. It was one of the prettiest house parties given among young folks this season. Little June Fisher celebrated her sixth birthday anniversary and she was gowned in blue silk with white trimming and pearls. Florence Hardin was dressed in white silk with pink trimmings. She assisted in receiving, also Edith Harding and Zenobia Taylor, and Fred Green entertained at the piano. The table decorations were beautiful and the little folks were greatly pleased when favors were opened. A delicious menu was served. Among those present and giving birthday remembrances were Florence Hardin, handkerchief case, hand-painted; Dorothy Cadoza, gold beauty pin; Lucile Wilson, hand painted hair receiver; Juanita Emanuel, gold mesh purse; Marvel Irene FClinkscale, leather autograph; Eunice Shreeves, hand painted jewelry box; Lillian Scott, imported perfume; Zenobia Taylor, pearl hair braid grand mother, white fox furs; grand father, leataher case; mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, who live in Milwaukee, $25, in gold and white silk gloves. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jabine are the grandparents. AlthoFugh six years old, little Miss isher plays remarkably well on the piano.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Lewis Brumwell is ill....Lenin Breedlove has been ill, but is improved....Mrs. Hattie Carey is ill....Rev. Blackshire has resigned at the C. M. E. mission and departed for St. Louis, Mo....ThaFt musical entertainment that was to be held at the residence of Mrs. Luster Johnson on Thursday evening, January 25, has been postponed until some future time....Mrs. Irvin Jones fell on the ice and hurt herself pretty badly, and she is under the care of a doctor.....A new son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roy last week....Mrs. Joseph Nelson is ill..Mrs. Sarah Wilson is visiting relatives in Altamont, Ill....Miss Nanora Ellis and Mr. William Hunt spent Saturday and Sunday at Altamont, Ill....Mary Gaine, a student in the Champaign high school, was at home in Brooklands, Ill., last week, visiting her parents....Mr. Zelmar Lane Breedlove, a student in the Champaign high school, gave a lecture at the A. M. E. church Sunday afternoon, January 28, before the members of the Baraca Bible Class. His subject was "Something for the Betterment of the Negro"....Mr. Essex Allen, of 209 West Nevada street, had his house to burn Sunday evening about 7:30 o'clock. The house is supposed to have caught fire from the cook stove while all the members of the family were away. Mr. Allen says that enough insurance was carried to cover the loss

HENDERSON (KY.) NOTES.

D. H. S. Rhetorical Society—Rev. S. L. Francis in the City—Mid-Year Promotions.

Special to The Freeman.

The Dunbar Literary Society of the Douglass high school held its bi-weekly rhetorical Friday, January 19. One of the most interesting features was the debate on the question Resolved, That Women have contributed more to Christian Civilization than Men. Affirmative, Misses Emma Carr, La Vetta Jones; negatives, Messrs. S. D. W. Carr and Henry Rhea. The debate was spirited and was a credit to the participants. The decision was made in favor of the affirmatives. The points being taken on research, arrangement, memory and delivery. The judges were Mrs. Viola C. Gowdy, Rev. C. H. Warders and Dr. W. J. Weston. There seems to be a growing interest in the rhetoricals and at each meeting many citizens are present. Among those present were Mesdames Julia Bell, Alice Weston, Sarah Hays and Mary C. Jones, Misses Birdie Ross, and Sarah Carr, and Messrs. Stanley Jones, H. C. Alves, Harold Carr, James Ellis and Ernest Powell ....Rev. S. L. H. Francis, former pastor of the First Baptist church, was in the city last week to preach the funeral of Mrs. Jane Davis. He is now the pastor of Providence Baptist church in Chicago ....Mid-year promotions took place in the city schools Friday, January 9. There was the usual joy and sorrow, and all the rooms filled to their utmost capacity ....The Girls' Athletic Club of the Douglass high school will entertain Friday, January 26, at the residence of Miss Emma Carr....Mrs. Josie Smith and baby who have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abner Gardner, have returned to their home in St. Louis....Rumor has it that Miss Mattie B. Anderson and Mr. Nollie N. Jones will be married about the first of February, and will make their future home in Danville, Ill.

WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT LIBERIA.

Kankakee, Ill., Jan. 10, 1912.

Editor of The Freeman:

Kind Sir—Could you give me information as to whether there is a South African movement amongst the American Negro? And what is the condition of Liberia, in your way of thinking? Is Liberia a proper place for the American Negro to go to? You will oblige me by giving any information concerning Liberia, and please inform me where I could get a history on Liberia. I will consider your information in that line a great favor.

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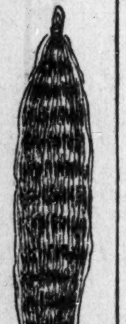

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We are not so sure that we understand what is meant by South African movement. We take it that the writer refers to Liberia, the well-known Negro republic.

At this time there is no well-defined effort at Liberian immigration. A movement of the kind was on in the South a few years ago, and more recently there were movements in Colorado and California, with headquarters at Denver and Los Angeles, respectively. The Western movement, as it may be called, since it was confined to the West, seemed to have depended on the result of an investigation of conditions in Liberia, and for which purpose an investigating company was sent to Liberia. If we are not mistaken, only one individual was sent, a preacher, who was chosen as a representative of those concerned. He was not favorably impressed. He reported so, and thus discouraged the idea of wholesale immigration to that country. Since that time, which was less than a year ago, nothing has been heard of a further attempt to go to Africa.

Under the circumstances, when Liberia is asking sympathy, comfort and support of America, it would be heartless to say anything that would tend to minimize its chances of getting them. But we also think we would be untrue to ourselves if we insisted that the Negroes' chances in Liberia are what they are in America. One will not have to travel to the dark continent to find out that secret. What is needed is truth and light, and not so much reservation and by-plays for effect.

It is a truth that the Negroes from the United States can help Liberia, but Liberia cannot help them in the sense of the enjoyment of the ultra civilization known in this country and in other leading countries. If the things of untrammeled social, civil and political freedom are meant, and very desirable things they are, then Liberia offers superior advantages to our own country. But all of these are in a diminished sphere of activity, and so much so that this greater civilization of our makes up what is lost by way of social, civil and political activities. This appears but poor political science, since we are made to understand freedom is preferred over any species of slavery.

The following of Charles Dickens is somewhat illustrative of the point:

"Once out West, in St. Louis, he was approached by a literary man who believed he had acquired a sufficient intimacy with Boz to entice him craftily into his camp. He asked Dickens how he liked our 'domestic institution, slavery,' in such an insinuating manner as to expect an agreeable reply, if not an honest one. Dickens' eyes blazed in an instant. He took in the situation at once. 'Not at all, sir,' cried Dickens, 'I don't like it at all.!'

"'Ah!' returned his visitor, who showed some evidences of being abashed by the frankness of the reply, 'you probably have not seen it in its true character, and are prejudiced against it.'

"'Yes, I have seen it, sir!' said Dickens, 'all I ever wish to see of it, and I detest it, sir!' After the presumptuous visitor had left, Dickens turned to his secretary, and, burning with passion, exclaimed! 'Damn their impudence! If they will not thrust their accursed domestic institution in my face, I will not attack it, for I did not come here for that purpose. But to tell me a man is better off as a slave than as a free man is an insult, and I will not endure it from any one! I will not bear it!'"

The American Negroes are enduring a mild form of slavery, but when seen in its true character it is preferred to some other condition that is long on all of the freedoms, but short on all of the opportunities. "You probably have not seen it in its true character."

Political science in principle will not stand for the individual preferring anything less than the utmost freedom at any cost; it's the way it is writ. But the individual, in practice, will not go beyond the haunts of men even to accommodate and to perpetuate so cherished an idea. He will work out his salvation right amid the best environments, holding that one individual is no less than another, excepting in a commonly accepted sense. The thought may appear idle and vain, but in the expression is set forth a rigid truth. Man ordinarily is so; he would rather be a dweller in the midst of alarms than reign king on a desert. The Negro is not different. In fact, he is more inclined to the rosy side of life. In short, the American Negroes are not going to Liberia wholesale.

The remaining portion of the letter will be answered at another time.

COLUMBIA, MO., NOTES.

Mr. Falton Woods Jr., is quite sivk ....Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Renfro are the proud parents of a bouncink boy, born Thursday....The program of the Dunbar Literary Society Thursday evening was one to be appreciated, and a credit to the committee....Mr. B. S. Boggs died Thursday afternoon after a long siege of tuberculosis. His funeral was held Sunday....Dr. W. H. Lawrie will present at the Dunbar literary meeting next week a one-act farce, "A Drop Too Much."....Rev. M. S. Bryant, presiding elder of the Columbia district, held quarterly conference last Thursday night at St. Paul's A. M. E. church. We are glad to welcome him and to know that he recently underwent a successful surgical operation ....Sunday was organization day for the Y. M. C. A....Mrs. Dicie Williams entertained the Woman's Mite Missionary Society Thursday, January 18, at her home, corner Third and Cherry streets. A three-course luncheon was served as follows: First course: chicken and salmon salad, pickles, buttered crackers and light bread; second course, ice cream and cake; third course, hot coffee. Those present were Rev. J. E. Edwards, Mrs. Georgia Barnett, Mrs. Amanda Gray, Mrs. Alice Tramble, Miss Emma Miller and Mrs. J. Z. Moseley....Mrs. Pauline Pitts is reported quite sick, having suffered a second stroke of paralysis....Miss M. E.Ga tewoodente rtainedi n honor of Prof. Cox's twenty-eighth birthday, those present enjoying whist, checkers and music, till the wee hours of the morning....Mrs. M. E. Caldwell is slowly recovering from a very severe attack of neuralgia.

YOUNG MEN'S U. B. F. LODGE, COLUMBIA, MO.

To the Members and Officers of the Young Men's U. B. F. Lodge, No. 175, Greetings:

In view of the fact that another year with its joys and sorrows has passed by, and that God in His goodness and all-wise providence, has seen fit to spare the lives of all the members of the above named lodge, the suspended as well as those in good standing; therefore be it

Resolved, That in consequence of these undeserved blessings: We pledge ourselves to try with all of our might to give to the lodge and to our friends and humanity in general more and better service this year than we did last; and be it further

Resolved, that in appreciation of the great privileges of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, that we will try to better demean ourselves and better govern our actions, so that no roughness and no foolishness shall be allowed to creep in and spoil the business side of our order. Be it further

Resolved, That if any person holding membership in the Young Men's lodge persists in committing petit crimes and is continually getting into the custody of the law, upon first offense he will be brought before the tribunal of the lodge, tried and fined, second offense, suspended indefinitely, and third offense, expelled.

Whereos, it becomes us as an organization to do all we can to better the condition of our race and humanity at large, be it

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves individually and collectively, to do all within our power to see that the object of the above resolutions be carried out; be it further

Resolved, That the officers of Young Men's Lodge be present at all meetings and that any officer absenting himself from the meetings for a period of two months without lawful excuse, that his office be declared vacant and the worthy master be empowered to fill same by appointment; and be it further

Resolved, That the constituion relating to members attending their meetings at least once each month be rigidly enforced, and,

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to The Searchlight for publication and a copy be placed upon the walls of the lodge hall

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VALDOSTA, GA., NEWS.

By W. F. Williams.

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Professor and Mrs. Ed. B. Davis celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage Saturday, December 30, 1911. "Davis Cottage" was beiutifully lighted and decorated, and between the hours of 3 and 11 nearly 200 guests entered and left.

Mesdames M. L. Webb, Nannie Neal, Maria Steel and L. G. Ross received the guests and conducted them into the presence of Professor anad Mrs. Daavis, and after greeting the host and hostess the guests repaired to the reception hall, where they were served with delicious "Pinora" by Little Misses Katie May Davis and Martha FHorner. rom here they entered the dining room, where the colors of the season were displayed in the table decorations and emphaasized in the large marble cake surrounded with fifteen green and red lighted candles. Each candle was blown out in the presence of the host anad hostess with a congratulatory staatement and good wish. After being sumptuously served the guests were tagged with ribboned cards containing the seasaon's greetings and date of the marriage of Professor and Mrs. Davis.

Mrs. Davis (nee Miss Bettie Webb) looked queenly in a gown of pink marguette en train with panel effect and trimmings of cream lace and la France roses of pink satin.

Professor Davis was his happy, congenial self and was dressed in black.

Little Miss Katie May Davis, daughter of Professor and Mrs. Davis, wore a pink embroidery dress in infantile harmony with her mother's gown.

Rev. F. P. Fielding offered prayer asking that the future would copy fair the past.

Prof. A. L. Garvin, of Harrodsburg, paid a beautiful tribute to the happy couple, depiciting the beauty of example shown in "Two flowers rare in the garden of life—a faithful husband and a loving wife."

About thirty-five friends from Lexington were in attendance, some of whom were: Misses Ida B. Coleman, May Bentley, Clay Webb, Letitia Coles, Salina Mayo, Mesdames E. B. aJckson, W. H. Ballard, T. T. Wendall, B. E. Smith, Mary Fletcher, R. F. Bell, Henry Starling, P. Bacon, Kitty Byrd, Mattie Byrd, William Jackson, Mary Davis, W. T. Dinwiddie, Professor and Mrs. A. L. Garvin, Professor and Mrs. Caulder, Mr. and Mrs. Snowden and daughter, Messrs. Hardin and Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. C. Peppers.

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Third.—As this is seemingly the age of class struggle for industrial and political rights, and knowing as we do the discrimination, we have labored under in the past, and are now laboring under and realizing the disadvantages of individual effort, we therefore resolve to unite ourselves to better enable us to co-operate our race with those of the Caucasian race who believe first, that God made all men, second, in all citizens of our government having the opportunity of enjoying all the rights and privileges, and the pursuits of happiness as laid down in the Constitution of our government equal.

Fourtr.—That no race can hope to grow strong financially nor industrially while divided, is a fact that cannot be denied. Therefore we resolve to teach our race the principles to the end, that we may share our part of the financial and industrial world.

Fifth.—The matter of time to labor is one of the greatest problems that civilization has to solve and define, but as man must of necessity divide the twenty-four hours allotted to day and night for work and rest, we therefore resolve to study that problem to enable us to keep pace with the demand of the age.

Sixth.—As capital and labor are the two great factors in the production of wealth, and as pleasure and happiness are the result of labor and capital, we therefore demand that our race study the problem of capital and labor, to the end that we may know and understand each of these factors' rightful positions.

Seventh.—Resolve to labor and use all honorable means to have all laws abrogated which prevent our race from enjoying full freedomship as any other race in this country and as laid down in the Constitution of our government.

Eighth.—Resolve to do everything in our power by fair means to destroy the color of racial lines in many of the trade unions that work such hardships on many men and women of our race, and thereby bring the industrial class in perfect love and harmony as otherwise it cannot be.

Ninth.—To educate our race to the value of a job, and the duty an employee owes his employer, that all classes of business men may not hesitate in giving to us what we merit.

Tenth.—To demand a better common school system for the education of our children, and to do all in our power to keep them in school until they attain the age of fourteen years.

Eleventh.—As ninety-six per cent of our race do manual labor, therefore be it resolved that we do all in our power to prove to all classes that our labor is worth as much as any other race or nationality in this country, and that we are determined to use all honorable means to accomplish this end, that we will be better able to support ourselves and families.

Twelfth.—That we are determined not to cease our efforts until we shall have secured peace and friendship with capital and labor, and the social virtues of all the good citizens of our country. That neither state nor church can find cause to deny our rights or will stand ildy by and permit one to do so. God being our guide we will follow.

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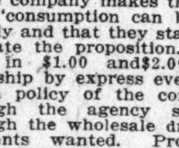

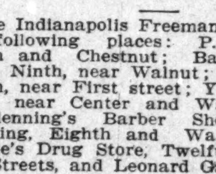

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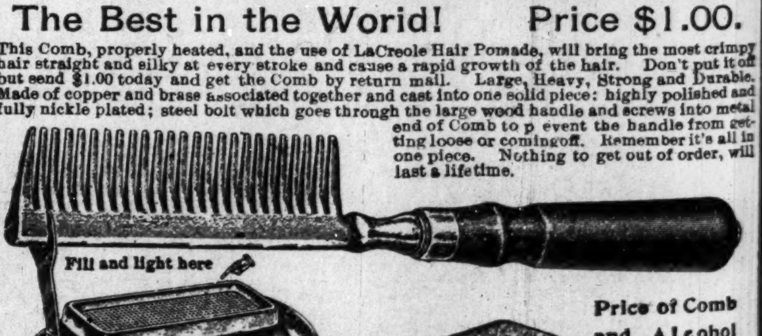

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THE APPROACHING A. M. E. GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Bishops First; Legislation Next—Seven Men From Whom Will Come the Next Bishops.

(By J. M. Henderson, M. D.)

The coming of the Kansas City GeneFral Conference is not marked by the intense excitement and excited activities which are usual to the approach of a General Conference at which it is certain there will be some elections to the Episcopate.

This seeming lack of enthusiasm is not due to a falling away of interest in the Church or in what is to be done at Kansas City. Perhaps one cause is the absence of any great and commanding personality in the field contending against great odds in mighty battle for election. Among those known as candidates for the Episcopate are some men who are as great in achievement, as bold in character, and, perhaps, as well fitted for the high place as were any of those who made the journey in the midst of the din of battle, but if such be the case, they have not been called into the arena, they are quietly marching along secluded and silent paths. Several men regard their election as so certain that they are as gentle as lambs, others are meeting with an open opposition, and so, they are marching quietly along.

In olden days the way to the chair had as a condition precedent, a battle of the giants. The fierce contests were a sort of a sifting process and the men who survived and who arrived, in each instance, vindicated those who elected them.

I do not mean to say that the old way is the better way, or that the new way is not a good way; I am simply calling attention to the strange facts.

There are many who have read with great care the valuable recommendations offered by Dr. Thomas H. Jackson, and who will profit by his advice. These are they whose chief concern is legislation, and whose aim to provide remedies for existing evils, or to meet present or anticipated needs. But this class of men is always quiet, calm and deliberate. They are among the most valuable men of the General Conference, but they have no percentage over that over class of men who long since have learned that law is of use only to the extent that those having charge of its administration are able and just. Thisis why the selection of men for high office is the storm center. The personality of the Bishop langely determines the efficacy of the law.

The one supreme concern should be the selection of the "best fitted" men for the Episcopate. There are six, perhaps, seven, very able men before the Church, either of their own efforts or because pushed forward by others, from among whom the General Conference will likely select three, four, or it might be five Bishops. These men should be discussed and studied in the short time remaining, and that too, in no carless manner.

Men on the verge of the grave should not be elected, neither should men whose lives have been too irregular. These two lackings of fitness should disqualitfy any man, however great his intelect; however splendid his achievements; however numerous his backers. There should be no timidity in this grave matter and there should be no malice and no undue concern for the interests of a friend.

I will close this article by naming the men who now seem to constiute the group from which will come the next Bishops. The names given will justify the statement, no personal feelings exercising any influence in the presentation of these names. Were the writer a delegate there are some of those named for whom he would not vote, there are some not named whom he would advocate, but the simple fact is that these are the men who at present have the lead.

Later, I shall present in an album many clippings and letters from personal friends of these men and submit it to the brethren in lieu of being among them as a delgate.

The names are: Beckett, Hurst, Allen, Connor, Roberts, Jones, and the rugged stalwart from the country of Turner and Gaines, Smith.

MERIDIAN, MISS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Ellen Webb was buried from New Hope Baptist Church on December 29, 1911. Rev. L. S. Lee preached the funeral. She was buried by the Eastern Star Chapter No. 2 and the Christian Aid Society at the Masonic cemetery....Mrs. Eliza Turner, mother of Mrs. Ella Echols, was buried at the L. S. and D. cemetery on December 30, 1911. Peace to her ashes....Something unusual took place at New Hope Baptich church January 10, 1912—a double funeral. Johnson Suthburyy and his neice, Annie Lee. Rev. L. S. Lee, assisted by F. R. Benjamin and J. M. Brooks, attended the funeral. Burial at the Masonic cemetery. They leave a host of friends and relatives to mourn their death. Peace to their ashes.... Rev. W. M. Hicks, formerly of Meridian, but now of Uniontown, Ala., preached an able sermon at Mt. Zion Baptist church on January 22, to a large congregation. Come again, we are always glad to see you in Meridian....Mrs. Mary Bell, who died on the 19th of El Bethel Baptist church. Her funeral was largely attended. Revs. T. L. Johnson and S. A. Rivers o⅛ciated at the church. Burial at the L. S. and D. cemetery Rev. W. M. Hicks officiated at the grave....Rev. A. Koodwin, of Shuqualak, Miss., who attended the funeral of Johnson Sulburry, preached at Union B. church Sunday, January 21 at 3 p. m., and at New Hope Baptist church at 8 p. m. Quite large congregations were out at each service. He left for his home on the 23d.

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Why don't you do it now?
Successful men are never late:
You'll fail if you procrastinate;
If you have vowed to conquer fate,
Why don't you do it now?

The Negroes of Milwaukee have a Catholic and a Lutheran church.

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Governor Cole L. Blease of South Carolina recommends to the legislature of that state that it pass an act prohibiting any white persons teaching in Negro schools.

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Atlantic City, N. J.—Isaac H. Nutter, the only colored member of the county bar, has been appointed by Mayor Bacharach a member of the advisory cabinet of ten prominent citizens. He is a native of Maryland, and was educated at Morgan college, Baltimore, and the Howard University Law School.

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Joe M. Lynch, seven-sixteenths Cherokee Indian, of Stillwell, Oklahoma, president of the recent graduating class of Cumberland Law School, refused to enter a class which was being examined at Nashville, for license to practice in Tennessee, because four Negroes were in the class. He said: "I'd rather never have a license to practice law in this or any other state than to obtain it by sitting in a class room for two days and taking examinations in company with Negroes."

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Plans are under way for the rebuilding of the Episcopal Church of Our Merciful Savior, at Louisville, Ky., which was damaged in a $30,000 fire a fortnight ago. The fire, which destroyed all but the walls of the building, was suposed to have been caused by a defective flue. The damage is partially covered by insurance. Only a few months ago Andrew Carnegie gave $1,000 for an organ for the church. Rev. Leroy Ferguson is rector of the church.

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When Allen Chandler was making a fight for the governship of Georgia, the race question was one of the big issues, and all the candidates were delivering speeches on the advantages or disadvantages of the higher education for the colored pople.

One day he ended his argument by getting off this outburst:

"I don't believe in the higher education for the colored men, because as soon as you teach them how to say 'hic-haec-hoc,' they forget how to yell 'gee-haw-buck."—Twice-a-Month.

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CHICAGO—The prize offered for the best essay on "Colored Authors: Who They Are, and Their Contributions to the World's Literature," was awarded to Mr. Cary B. Lewis, the well-known newspaper writer and correspondent of this city. The essay was read at a big literary meeting, held under the auspices of the B. Y. P. U. of Chicago. The prize was a pair of diamond studded cuff buttons costing quite a snug little sum. It was admitted on all sides that Mr. Lewis' essay was not only the very best ever heard in this city on the subject in point of fact and data, but was easily the best rendered. He commended the attention of the magnificent audience before which it was read. The recipient of the prize is connected with the Illinois Chronicle, but for a number of years was identified with the Freeman of Indianapolis.

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I am a student here in the University of Illinois, and also a reader of your valuable paper. Thinking that a recent circumstance might be of interest to you, I am sending you this item.

Last week, W. J. Prince, a colored student hailing from Iowa, sophomore in the College of Science, was initiated into the national fraternity for debaters and orators knows as the Delta Sigma Rho. This recogniation came as t result of his representing the University of Illinois in their recent inter-collegiate debate with the University of Wisconsin. The decision was in favor of Illinois. This is the first time that a colored man has represented this university in a forensic contest. Trusting that this bit of news will be of interest, I am,

Yours respectfully,
EARL B. DICKERSON.
Champaign, Ill., Jan. 21, 1912

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Since the mutilation of Powell's "The Battle of Lake Erie," which is regarded as one of the most valuable paintings at the head of east senate stairway in Washington, many Negroes have been heard to declare that the painting has always been an eyesore to intelligent Negroes, and that it is looked upon by them as a slander on the Negro in the United States navy. Among those sharing such an opinion is the Rev. Reverdy C. Ransom, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church, who speaks of the painting as follows: "The Battle of Lake Erie," by W. H. Powell, which was mutiliated by an act of vandalism in Washington last week, calls attention to a fact that has long been an offense to many lovers of truth. This painting, described as 'one of the largest and most valuable paintings,' is on the walls of the rotunda of the capitol at Columbus, O., as well as in the east senate stairway at Washington. It has, for a generation, been an eyesore to intelligent Negroes. Whatever may be its merits as a work of art, it is a painted lie which mistakes the facts of history. This painting represents the white man as standing up in the boat in a bold and fearless attitude, while the Negro seamen are portrayed as cowering in fear."

PARIS, KY.

Special to The Freeman.

Hiram Lodge No. 7, Masonic, installed the following officers: Warren Lacy, W. M.; George Fields, S. W.; D. M. Hutsell, J. W.; J. C. Gatewood, treasurer; E. J. Martyn, secretary; George Mason, S D.; Webster Bedford, J. D.; Silas Berryman, tyler; Andrew Hutsell, S. T.; George Roberson, J. T.

JACKSON, MISS.

Death of Dr. L. W. W. Manaway.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Death in its own peculiar way crept into the home of Dr. L. W. W. Manaway on Wednesday night last at 10:30 o'clock and summoned him to meet his Creator. It was truly one of the most surprising of all deaths to this community, for he had enjoyed the whole day and up until 10 o'clock p. m. with his friends of the Eighth Episcopal district of the W. M. S. Church, then in session for the purpose of framing special work pertaining to the coming general conference which convenes in Kansas City in May.

He had just returned home and with his family was rejoicing over the very pleasant proceedings of the day when at the hour of 10:30 the Lord sent his angel for him to answer the call for his stewardship.

The funeral was attended Friday at 10 o'clock at Pearl Street A. M. E. Church by the Rev. W. G. Alexander, dean of Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga. A more eloquent and impressive sermon never fell from the lips of a divine. Eulogies were given by many ministers of the Eighth district who were present, which was enough to inspire everyone to live so that when grim death calls he will be ready to go; and that no doubt shall be in the minds of friends as to whether their rest is to be in the sweet beyond or not.

Dr. Manaway was known far and near, and it was conceded that he had no equal as to the knowledge of the A. M. E. Church. He was an aspirant for the bishopric. He was both a trustee of Wilberforce University and CaamFpbell College and statistician of the Eighth Episcopal district.

We can only say now in these beautiful words:

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I am yours in Christ and S. M. T.,
MRS. T. G. D.,
Oklahoma, Okla.

My Dear Friends:

I am now making my own volunteer statement because this lady has caused me to be so happy. I would like so much

to give you my name, but I hope you know why. I went with a young man two years and we spat all the time. We were twice engaged and he would disappoint me, until I consulted this wonderful lady. Now we are married, and have been for near three years. He is so nice and kind to me. I told him a few months ago of this advice and he would not agree with me until he lost his job, and then made up his mind, and do you know that my husband has one of the best jobs of his life by consulting her. No matter what you want to do or know, let her hear from you, and I vow you will never regret it. I cannot help believing that she is sent of God to do just what she is doing, and you never hear of a thing ugly that she has done. I visited her during the K. of P. Supreme Lodge, and I never met a nicer lady. I am a Christian and a leader in a good many church clubs. We chatted a good deal of such things. I find her very entertaining. I am, as ever, her friend,

MRS. JOSIE T. M.,
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To Whom It May Concern.

I have always been one of those that did not give any thought of this until about four years ago I had a great trouble and it cost me almost every dime I had, and my mother asked me one day to tell some of this trouble to this woman that we read so much about in our papers. Mother says, "I feel that she can help you." I had to laugh with tears in my eyes, for I was in jail; then finally I said, "Suit yourself; anything now, so I come clear and get out of here." She let this woman hear from her and about me. We never can forget what this woman said in reply. She said in substance, "If you will pray and trust God, I will do the rest." And bless her to-day and forever. I was called to trial, and every witness that could be found spoke in my behalf, and those who did not could not be found. I was returned to jail twice and then set free. Do you blame me for saying she is a power unknown, to help those who seek her aid? I am now doing business for myself and making good. Every month I send her twenty dollars. I have done this for four months, and shall always divide my last dime with her. I am her friend at all times.

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New York Negroes ought to have that regiment.

The results of primaries mostly depend on the activities of one's political friends.

A colored man in the next Indiana legislature—wouldn't that be a dream?

The recall idea is a repudiation idea. It's a bad thing for representative government.

Sensible newspaper men refrain from indulging in controversies over trivialities.

The Chinese imperial family is to receive $2,000,000 annually for abdicating. It's balm enough.

George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass come in for consideration this month.

The expert religious workers now operating in Indianapolis make one think of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Evidently the erstwhile famous "Black Cabinet" at Washington has found itself a new "press agent."

Colonel Filmore has got his New York regiment in "ship shape" style. Now, if the Governor will only sign, things will be all right.

Mayor Shank has been "down" East, telling 'em how to do it. Better keep a keen lookout for that brother; he's goin' some.

Now is the time for Indiana to get into the national limelight. This is the day of "declarations." Who are you "coming out" for?

It is given out with a knowing wink that the present "leaderless" condition of the colored Republicans will be remedied soon. Time to get busy!

Ralph W. Tyler is showing up the bright side of the administration. He has called attention to the many excellent appointments made by Mr. Taft. Tyler is doing his part.

The forty-ninth anniversary celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation was held at Monroe, La., January 1. The exercises were appropriate and were highly enjoyed.

There is a fear that the proposed "Douglass Homestead Mecca" will not be a paying investment as long as business keeps so lively for the colored tourist at the White House.

The physician that examined Battles, the New York Negro policeman, told him he had murmuring of the heart. One should be flattered in having such a fashionable indisposition.

Governor Woodrow Wilson writes nice letters, anyhow. He talks like one dear, sweet girl talking to another dear, sweet girl. Surely he forgets all about being either a schoolmaster or a statesman.

Gratitude is the first of virtues, be the impelling interest political, social or personal. No man can succeed who makes a practice of "going back on his friends" to gain the support of an erstwhile enemy.

The United Mine Workers evidently are striving to keep down the color question in the organization. As long as the colored men fare as they seem to fare at this time, it would be unwise to have special rulings.

If you feel in the need of a banquet, all you have to do is to qualify as a "race leader" at the nation's capital—and the banquet will be forthcoming. If you experience any difficulty in so qualifying, why, that's up to you!

Dr. Booker T. Washington's appearance in Washington on the 9th, under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity of the District of Columbia, bids fair to be one of the biggest popular demonstrations ever "pulled off" at the nation's capital. The event will be of continental significance.

The Charleston Advocate, edited by Mr. J. C. Gilmer, State Librarian of West Virginia, suggests our versatile Washington correspondent, Mr. R. W. Thompson, as a fit guest of honor at the next banquet given by the official folks at the nation's capital. Knowing Mr. Thompson's native modesty, we do not think he would accept the proffered distinction, but in recognition of the broad spirit in which the Advocate hands out the proposed compliment, The Freeman heartily seconds the motion. As an all-round newspaper man our Mr. Thompson is "the goods," and merits the best there is in anybody's shop.

Noting the mysterious disappearances of the year, a Southern correspondent rises to inquire what has become of Col. Roscoe Conkling Simmons, and a Missourian is anxious to know where one W. M. Farmer is "hiding" now. Any information received at this office will be given due publicity.

Mr. Roosevelt is in the hands of his friends. It's the way the Colonel wants it understood. He will not be blamed for standing for the presidency if there is demand for him. The honor is too great to be put aside. And then the game will lack interest if there is no more than one or two candidates. The Republican party in the good old days wasn't doing anything unless there were five or six entrants to the contest. The more the merrier.

Dr. J. E. Shepard's "Ministerial Conference" will draw to the National Religious Training School at Durham, N. C., a great gathering of the clergy of the race, regardless of denomination. The free and untrammeled discussions of the education, morals, sanitation, civic status, hygiene, housing conditions, social settlement work, Y. M. C. A. movements, etc., will be of incalculable benefit to all of our people. It is our hope that the conference will be a monumental success. Dr. Shepard is building up a magnificent institution at Durham. Though young in years, it ranks well with the best in the land for the moral training of our youth.

"I was hoping I might find in Governor Wilson another Tilden. In point of intellect and availability I yet think Colonel Harvey made no mistake in his choice of a candidate, but the circumstance leading to the unfortunate parting of the ways between them leads me to doubt whether in character and temperament—it may be merely in the habits of a lifetime—Governor Wilson is not rather a schoolmaster than a statesman."—Editor Henry Watterson.

Merely a schoolmaster—so much included in the expression. Mr. Wilson can't help it now that he was rather a schoolmaster. And isn't the discovery real late?

The usually accurate New York Age got a little mixed a week or so ago on its convention dates, referring to the holding of the Democratic convention at Baltimore on "June 15, three days in advance of the Republican gathering at Chicago." Some time ago the Age's literary expert spoke of Booth Tarkington as the author of "When Knighthood Was in Flower," when that distinction belongs to one Charles Major, another brilliant son of Hoosierdom. Mistakes, however, will happen in the best regulated families, and not even the erudite New York Age can escape all of the frailties of the human flesh.

There are those who are urging West Indian Negroes to travel freely in the South and demand treaty rights as English subjects, or as the Jews on returning to Russia. The advice is untimely, if not vicious, in face of what is known. We may as well conclude that the influences for race good are time, education in all respects, and the Christ-like spirit throughout the universe. Why should we have the persistent talk of England as an example of a country where freedom is as the winds? That country presents South Africa, with its drastic anti-Negro laws. It presents Australia, which takes pride in advertising that it is a white man's country. It presents Canada, which turned its back on a Negro exodus from the States. What more is necessary to prove the proposition that England is not different from America on the race question, when it has similar conditions? Those engaged in the Negroes' uplift will find much to do without going to such extremes and which do violence to truth and justice, and at the same time get us the ill will of those of our own country to whom we must look for relief.

Speaking of the late Bishop Gaines, the Recorder, an official organ of the A. M. E. Church, said in a recent issue:

"Bishop Gaines was an uneducated man. During the seventy-two years of his life he never mastered the English language. He was a man of great intellectual force, and his use of his mother tongue, barring a few technical difficulties, had a forcefulness and directness not equaled by many college graduates. When he spoke off-hand his sentences were short, direct, incisive."

While we are somewhat surprised to learn of this truth concerning the Bishop, yet the fact is of great value, proving that men can make their way even when greatly handicapped. And we have many men like him, winning their way to fortune and eminence, while their more fortunate brothers, educationally, are filling the minor spheres of life. Bishop Gaines was splendidly endowed with what is sometimes called native ability. To this he added such education as he could catch up "in passing," so to speak, and, together with that superior ability for determinining the fitness of things, he reached the very highest station within the gift of the church. His life is an inspiration to aspiring young men, regardless of what they feel to be the weights that load them down.

GEORGE DAVIS' SENTENCE COMMUTED.

George Davis, colored, who was sentenced to be hanged Friday morning of this week, for murdering a colored girl at Gary, Ind., has been saved from the gallows by Governor Marshall.

The action of the authorities is considered strange. They held that a lifetime sentence at hard labor was the severer punishment. Davis thought so himself, and welcomed the day when it would be all over. It is understood that the Governor is not inclined to capital punishment, although he has permitted it. George Williams, colored, was executed in 1907. The executive clemency extended Davis is the first by Governor Marshall, who was influenced by the prison warden, who, after observing Davis for months, concluded that life imprisonment at hard labor was the more fitting punishment. The warden's letter to the Governor is as follows:

"If the sentence imposed could be commuted to life imprisonment so that we could put him at hard labor and keep him at hard labor behind these grim walls, the time might come when he would awake to the fact that he had committed a heinous crime, and some spark of the fire of remorse might eventually enkindle within his soul a flame of true and serious repentance. I am not advocating any maudlin sentiment in this matter. It is quite probable that the expression, 'hanging is too good for him,' is applicable in this case. I believe it would be no punishment for him to walk to the scaffold, and that he would go there unrepentant and smiling defiance into the faces of his executioners. Labor would be punishment for him; he has admitted that it would, and has boasted that hanging would be the quickest way out of it. I believe the case is one that the extreme penalty is 'life' instead of death.

"I, therefore, recomemnd that the sentence of death be commuted to hard labor in the Indiana State Prison for the period of his natural life.

"E. J. FOGARTY,
"Warden."

The Governor, in accepting the view of the warden, had this to say:

"Whereas, George Davis has been convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged at the Indiana State Prison on the second day of February, 1912; and,

"Whereas, the warden of said prison believes the extreme penalty to be life at hard labor, and not hanging;

"Now, therfore, I, Thomas R. Marshall, Governor of the State of Indiana, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution of said State, do hereby commute the death sentence of said George Davis to imprisonment for life at hard labor, and with the further provision that said George Davis shall neither directly nor indirectly apply for, or receive, further executive clemency.

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the State of Indiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Indianapolis, this 30th day of January, A. D. 1912.

"THOMAS R. MARSHALL,
"Governor."

MINERS' CONVENTION AVOIDS THE RACE QUESTION.

One of the important resolutions offered at the convention of United Mine Workers in this city, last week, was, in effect, that in the matter of employment no one should be discriminated against on account of creed, color or nationality. It will be observed that the resolution sought mainly to safeguard the Negro workmen, who doubtless have noted some little tendencies toward discrimination.

We are not familiar with the argument leading up to the introduction of the resolution, consequently we are not able to say how much of racial issue was injected. However, colored men, notably Paul Berryman, of Sparta, Ill., and Charles Armstrong, of Georgetown, Ill., had much to do in getting the resolution before the convention. The fact that the very fair appearing resolution was amended proved the caution of the leaders, who did not care to see the race question an asset of the organization. The amendment was as follows in effect: That no one should be discriminated against on account of previous activities. The colored men seem to take it that their case is covered, and yet it is not so in plain words.

The object, we think, was to avoid the color question altogether, the theory being that whatever rules governed one, governed all. The amendment, that no one should be discriminated against on account of previous activities, is not a substitute in kind for the one touching on the race question. But if everything is even and equal in the operation of the organization and the mines, it is a much better resolution, since it is effective in securing a very desirable something, whereas the purely race question resolution might open up things to the very condition hoped to be avoided.

More than likely some little race prejudice creeps in the miners' affairs, but as a whole the miners' association is nearest ideal for the Negroes. Perhaps it is best to delay as long as possigle an out-and-out Negro question in the organization, at least as long as things continue as they are to-day.

BELOIT, WIS.

Special to The Freeman.

Miss Lena Cable, who has been visiting her brother, Mr. H. I. Guption, and her mother, Mrs. U. G. Guption, for the last twFo or three months, will return to her home in Clarksville, Tenn., in a few days She will be the guest of Mrs. Lewis, 1221 Elm street, Thursday evening......Mrs. Lillian Howard will visit her mother in Chicago, Ill., on Tuesday, and then return with her children to make this city her future home. She will reside on Tenth street, West Side....Mr. James Docher gave a very fine stag dinner Monday evening, January 29. The menu consisting mainly of possum, done to a turn. A happy vein of friendliness pervaded the atmosphere and the gentlemen friends were at their best. After the repast, cigars and stories suitaablae to the occasion, were enjoyed, after which all journeyed home with the hope that the occasion would be long remembered. Those present were Messrs. Chas. A. Smithson, A. A. Lewis, Wm. Gray, C. C. Terry, M. M. Gordon, H. T. West, Frank Alexander, Philip Reed, Andrew Noland, L. J. Ousley and James Dorcher.

MUNCIE, IND.

Special to The Freeman.

Mrs. Deliar Talbert is on the sick list at her mother's on Monroe street... Mrs. Mattie Burton returned to Muncie from Chicago a few days ago. Willie and Clifton Burton came up from Louisville, Ky., to be with their mother.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. Israel H. Alexander, a brilliant and well esteemed representative of the Louisville high school, has recently been offered a situation in the government service of St. Paul, Minn.

AT KENTUCKY'S CAPITAL.

"A Piece of Gossip," in One Act, Presented at the Normal Institute—Mrs. Anderson to Make a Tour of the State in Interest of the Federation of Women's Clubs—Lawyer Harper's "Talaboo" Musical Company to Play Here—Social Greetings.

(By Hardin Tolbert News Bureau, 425 Washington Street. Telephones: Old 654, New 458.)

Special to The Freeman.

FRANKFORT, Ky., (Special.) Feb. 3.—Friday night, January 26th, occurred the presentation of a one-act drama, at the monthly public rhetoricals at the Kentucky Normal Industrial Institute, under the direction of Miss Edith Marion Jordan, who is a graduate of the New York Normal School, and instuctor in the Institute. Miss Jordan has had superior training along dramatic lines and is proving her work successfully. The presentation of this play reflected much credit on the instructor as well as the ability of the students. Miss Mayme G. Craig, the charming and attractive young lady from Louisville, most lovely performed the leading role in this drama to perfection. The characters were as follows: "Miss Adelin Van Lindau, a German girls," Miss Myrtle Ennie; "Miss Marion Lee, a transplanted Southern girl," Miss Esther A. Shacelfort; "Miss Dorothy Green, a New Englander," Miss Louise S. Reid; "Miss Hester Beacon, a Bostonian," Miss Willie L. Eads; "Miss Beatrice Van Kortlandt, a New Yorker," Miss Hazel K. White; "Miss Jeannette Duran, a rench Girl," Miss Mayme G. Craig; "Maid," Miss Lucy J. Boyd. SelectiFon by K. N. I. I. orchestra. After the first act of the play was over the following excellent program was rendered: Chorus, "Awake With the Lark," Mozart Society; declamation, "Our Duty to the Republic," J. W. Rowe; oration, "Our Obligations, as a Student, to the State," O. W. Steele; "Spartacus' Reply to the Gladiators at Capua," H. E. Goodloe; selection, K. N. I. I. orchestra. A large crowd attended from the near cities that could be reached on the electric lines. A similar program will be carried out the last riday night in each month.

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Mrs. Tibatha Anderson, who was elected state organizer of the Federation of Women's Clubs, and who is now principal of the Bagdad public school, will make a tour of the State in the interest of this club. Mrs. Anderson is one of the founders of this club, and with the assistance of other energetic members has been holding successful meetings in this city. The club serves as a great instrument for the upbuilding of that downtrodden part of our race here. Frankfort could not do without them in justice to her people. In a few weeks Mrs. Anderson will start out and the people certainly wish her much success in her tour and hope that she may organize many clubs in the various fields.

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Lawyer N. R. Harper is the father of the American bar in this State among the colored people. Lawyer Harper was the first colored person in this State to be admitted to the bar, and the first one to have the proud distinction as acting judge in the court house of Jefferson county. We have much to look up to in in this noble characterwho is one of the most honorable leaders in this grand old Blue Grass State, which we all love so dearly. Over forty years ago Lawyer Harper (the author of "Talaboo," a dramatic musical play) built his way to success by his own efforts when there were no schools and it was the time of "root hog or die." Mr. Harper, as a poor office boy, won his way to the bar and competed with his old master. The play, "Talaboo," of which Mr. Harper is the author, will be presented here at the Capital theater in a few weeks. This will be the first play that was ever written by a colored man and staged by an entirely colored company to be performed in this city. This should be a great inspiration to parents to encourage their children and to see that there is some hope to carry out their talents. I believe this will be a great help to the people, and with the support of the legislature, they will have a nice crowd.

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Mrs. Marrie Johnson is very ill with pneumonia at her residence on Second street.

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Mrs. Riller Turner, of Wilkerson street, is very sick.

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Mrs. Lizzie Russell spent a few days in Cincinnati, the guest of Mrs. Kettie Johnson and Miss Marie Allen. Many receptions were given in her honor while in that city.

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Miss Helen Chambus arrived in the city from Cincinnati.

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Mr. William Hawkins spent a day in Lexington on business.

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Mr. Elias Rhyine, of Lexington, spent a day in the city on business.

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Mrs. Sharp Steele, of Versailles, was in the city the guest of her brother.

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Mr. Wayman Garnett was in the city to attend a dance at the Odd Fellows' hall.

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Mr. Isaiah Rause, of Somerset, arrived in the city to be the guest of Miss Willie Crozier.

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Miss Annie Hicks arFrived in the city after a pleasant visit in Louisville.

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Miss Alice R. Simpson entertained a party of little girls at the residence of her parents on Clinton street in honor of Little Miss Estean Dockery, the talented violinist, and her sister, Miss Cornelia Dockery. A three-course luncheon was served and a delightful evening was spent.

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Mr. William R. Jones, of Philadelphia, spent a few days in the city.

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Misses Cora Anderson and Katie Washington, of Midway, spent a day in the city.

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Miss Mary Simposn, of Jackson, was the guest of the city.

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President Young and G. Gilbert, of Lexington, were in the city on business.

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Mr. Wood Bahannon, of Midway, spent a day in the city.

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The Capital Social Club will give their second anniversary on February 2, at the club rooms.

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Dr. Alanda Redman left for Washington, D. C., where he is employed in the government service.

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Mr. A. L. Johnson has been very ill with pneumonia. Mr. Johnson is the nephew of Senator Fred Douglass, and has served on the police force in Washington, D. C.

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Mr. George Russell, of Lexington, arrived in the city to spend a few days with his mother.

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Miss Maria Garner is very ill at her mother's residence on Fowler street.

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The Alhambra Club met at the residence of Miss Elizabeth Harris and the following officers were elected: President, George W. Martin; vice president, Miss E. B. Harris; secretary, Miss Cordelia Woolfork; assistant secretary, Miss Ather Smith; treasurer, MFr. Sam Martin.

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Miss Julia Tucker is very ill with the pneumonia at her mother's residence on Second street.

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Mrs. Sarah Taylor is up from a spell of sickness after a few weeks' illness.

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Mrs. Frank Hartfort will leave for California the 20th of February.

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Mrs. Herbert Robertson gave a supper in honor of the following Misses Marie Henry and Lillian Ellis and Messrs. Geo. Childs and Harvey Tolbert. A four-course menu was served and a nice time enjoyed.

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Miss Resy Freelan, of Scottville, Ky., is to be the guest of Miss Annie C. Juniper.

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Mrs. Pat Green spent Sunday in Anchorage and Louisville with friends.

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Mr. Harvey Tolbert and Miss Lillian Ellis spent a day in Lexington.

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The Ladies' Economic Club met with Miss lorence Johnson on Thursday afternoon at her residence on Second street. A lovely afternoon was spent.

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Miss Pearl Tyler, of Versailles, spent a day in the city on business.

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Messrs. S. Henry, Zeely Green and John Henry spent a day in Lexington.

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Mrs. Fannie Mitchell is very ill with the la grippe.

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Mrs. Sadie Harvey Davis arrived in the city from Murray, Ky., to be the guest of her parents.

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Mr. Richard Ray, of Cincinnati, arrived in thFe city to be the guest of his brother, Mr. James Ray, a prominent tailor.

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The Sub-Junior class of the Normal Institute entertained with a delightful supper in honor of the faculty of that institution. An excellent program was rendered and a four-course menu was served.

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The Freeman is on sale at the Frankfort Pressing Club.

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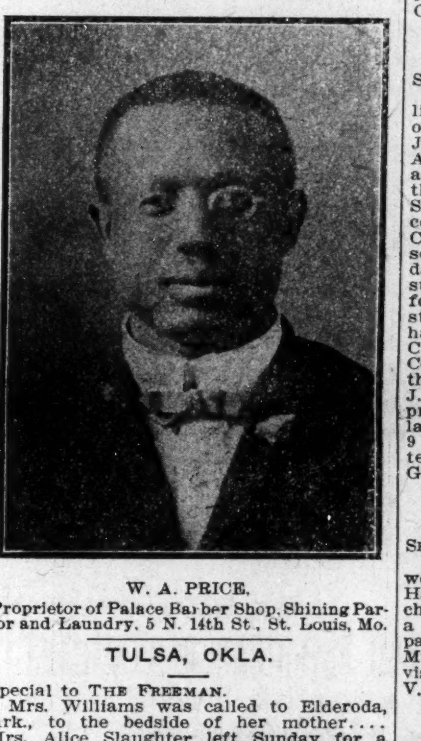
The date when Lawyer Harper's "Talaboo" is to play here will be announced in this paper.

CENTRALIA, ILL.

Special to The Freeman.

Mrs. L. J. Vence, of Denver, Col., was here last week, visiting her brother, D. S. Johnson, our enterprising merchant. ....A fine boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hinds last Monday....A nice girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. T. Hinds last Sunday....The Women's Industrial Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hinds....Mr. Haywood Bowles, of Russellville, Ky., is here visiting his sister, Mrs. Valks. Mr. Bowles says he likes this part of the country and will stay a while....Mr. E. Williams, of Mound City, is employed at the I. C. R. R. Hotel....Mr. Cliff Bidwell, colored machinist of the I. C. R. R. shops, was one of the wrecking crew called to Kinmundy, Ill., where four of the I. C. officials were killed....Mr. B. Hinds gave another dance last Saturday....Mr. Vallson is time-keeper at the I. C. R. R. shops....Mrs. W. Brock is selling the toilet articles for the Overton Hygienic Manufacturing Company, the largest Negro enterprise in the United States, in connection with her hair culture and hair manufacturing. She had cards printed advertising ner business, and tacked many of them up in public places, but some culprit has torn them down. If the guilty party reads this he will have to study himself, whether he is an honest man or not. Let him be who he may, black or white, he is an enemy to our race.



W. A. PRICE.
Proprietor of Palace Barber Shop, Shining Parlor and Laundry, 5 N. 14th St., St. Louis, Mo.

TULSA, OKLA.

Special to The Freeman.

Mrs. Williams was called to Elderoda, Ark., to the bedside of her mother.... Mrs. Alice Slaughter left Sunday for a six weeks visit with her sister and her friends....Mrs. Josie Lawrence was in Tishimingo, Okla., at the bedside of her mother....Don J. M. King and family have gone to housekeeping on Frankfort street....Mr. Lee Robertson and family are preparing to go to their farm near MaFnsfield, Okla.....Miss Maggie Brown, of Tulsa, and Forest L. Olives were quietly married at Hugo, Okla., January 20th....Mr. Joe Turner was robbed Friday night by Sam Morgan and Andrew Agnue. $1.13 was taken from him. They were both placed in jail....Mrs. George Flanning is very sick....Miss E. White was in Lawton looking for a location.... The Tulsa County Teachers Reading Circle met on Friday in regular session. Some very interesting points were discussed by the teachers. The president of the circle, Prof. J. W. Hughes, seems to take great interest in these meetings. The circle is visited by some of Tulsa's most prominent people. They were as follows Colonel J. H. Hill, F. L. Martin, Dr. Jenky and Mrs. M. Hutchins....See E. G. Grijffin for The Freeman. It is always on hand each Saturday at the East End drug store.

MIDDLESBOROUGH, KY.

IN MEMORIAM.

Special to The Freeman.

Miss Octavia Webster departed this life January 13, at her home. Memorial services were held at the First Baptist Church of Middlesboro. The remains were shipped to Campbellsville, Ky., the deceased's former home, for interment. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church, at Campbellsville, Ky., conducted by Rev. J. Brown. Miss Webster was about twenty years of age, and is survived by her mother, father and two brothers. Miss Webster was highly esteemed by all. She possessed a very sweet disposition, which won for her many friends. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, and had been for some years. She was always ready to speak kindly and affectionately to all with whom she came in contact. Peace to her ashes.

BOWLING GREEN, KY.

The Annual Clinic of Dr. Dan Williams, of Chicago, at Nashville, Tenn.

(By James F. Moxley.)

Special to The Freeman.

During the week of February 5th, the annual clinic of Dr. Dan Williams, of Chicago, Ill., will be held in Nashville, at the Meharry Medical College. Many of the citizens of Bowling Green are making preparations to be present at the meeting....Dr. S. H. Warfield, a practicing physician of this city, left Sunday for Nashville, Tenn., with two patients, Mrs. L. B. Bradley and Mrs. J. T. Porter, who will undergo operations at the hospital..The Men's Local Business League is making preparations to celebrate Abraha mLincoln's birthday, February 12, at the Statae Street Baptist church.

CLEVELAND, OHIO.

Special to The Freeman.

Miss Pearl Stanley, 1121 Central avenue, gave a five-course birthday dinner. She was assisted by Mrs. Louise Brooks, of Detroit, Mich., and Mr. Holland Carl, of Indianapolis. A musical program was given. Mr. Arthur Dix and Mr. Jackson, of Cleveland, and Mr. French, of Cincinnati, favored the company with solos, which were highly appreciated. The out-of-town guests were Miss Mildred Haines, Pittsburg, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Hurt, Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. H. McDonald, Pittsburg, Pa. The Cleveland guests were Mrs. Jack Lawrence, the Misses Clark, Fisher, Smith, Breast, Whales, Mrs. Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Hunter. Every one voted a good time, wishing Miss Stanley many happy returns of the day.

YOUNG MAN IS SUCCESSFUL AT TERRE HAUTE.

Wins Reputation as a First Class Funeral Director.

Special to The Freeman.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., January 31.—The funeral of Aletha Thompson was held at the Freewill Baptist Church, Friday afternoon, January 26, at 2 p. m. Rev. J. T. Moody officiated, assisted by Rev. T. A. White. G. W. Green & Co. had charge of the funeral, and it was well conducted by Mr. S. H. Winfrey, who is a well-known young man in this city. Mr. Winfrey came here some time ago from Indianapolis, where he was head embalmer for Messrs. Shelton & Willis, leading undertakers of that city. Since coming here he has won for himself an enviable reputation, and should succeed in his line of business. Few young men the country over have a better knowledge of funeral directing than he, having graduated from one of the leading colleges in the city of Chicago, and, prior to his coming here, being identified with some of the largest and best establishments in Chicago and Indianapolis. His politeness of manners and accommodating disposition made him many friends at the Hoosier capital, and his leaving there was much regretted by hundreds of admirers.

HENDERSON, KY.

Special to The Freeman.

E. G. Tidrington, the hustling grand chancelor of the Knights of Pythias of Indiana, was in the city Saturday..... Dr. W. J. Weston and Mrs. H. F. Jones made a flying trip to Corydon, where they installed the officers of the K. of P. lodge and the Court of Calanthe....The Girls' Athletic Club of the Douglass high school entertained at the residence of Miss Emma Carr, Friday, January 26.... The Flower Girls' Club will give a social Monday, January 29, at the residence of Miss Roberta Marshall....The stork left a fine boy with Mr. and Mrs. William Hopkins, on Holloway street, last week......The Young Men's Business League will give a literary program at the Odd Fellows' hall on Sunday, February 11. All are requested to be present ....The officers of Corinthian Court, No. 14, were elected Thursday night....The Dunbar Literary Society of the Douglass high school will have its bi-weekly program Friday afternoon....The Girls' Athletic Club will meet with Miss Julia Clark Friday, February 2...Mrs. William Hopkins, of Owensboro, is in the city, the guest of her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Hopkins, on Holloway street ....Mr. Herman Carr is in the city visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Carr.

MOUNT VERNON, OHIO.

Special to The Freeman.

Rev. John Colman is still on the sick list....The Juvenile Missionary Society of the A. M. E. Church was entertained January 27, at the residence of Mrs. Annie Turner....Mr. A. H. Simmons has accepted the position of headwaiter at the Curtis House....The Ohio State Sanitarium for Tuberculosis will install colored waiters......Calvary Baptist Church: Rev. A. A. Hampton, pastor; sermons both morning and evening; Sunday school at 9 a. m.; Mr. Jas. Gibson, superintendent. Kindly send the little folks, for they will receive very instructive lessons....Mrs. Robt. Goins has been on the sick list....Wayman Chapel A. M. E. Church: Rev. John Colman, pastor. Owing to his illness the services were conducted by Rev. J. W. White, of Newark, O., who preached both morning and evening to large congregations. Sunday schol at 9 a. m.; Mr. A. H. Simmons, superintendent. Christian Endeavor at 6 p. m.; G. L. Simons, leader.

TACOMA, WASH.

Special to The Freeman.

There was a marriage in Tacoma last week, Miss Atris Rogers to Mr. George Harrison Longress....The Olivet Baptist church is making arrangements to have a grand rally in March to raise $300 to pay off their indebtedness, Rev. J. L. Murry, pastor..When coming to Tacoma visit Edison's barber shop....Call on Mrs. V. L. Spencer for The Freeman.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Special to The Freeman.

Miss Lelia Franklin, of this city, will depart for Louisville, Ky., January 29th, to become the wife of Samuel Simmons, of Louisville. They will go to Chicago for a few days on their honeymoon, after which they will make their home in Louisville.

MINEOLA, TEXAS.

On last Sunday it was cold after a heavy rain....R. M. Jones was cutting wood last week and a limb flew back and knocked his arm out of place....Don't fail to give Sandy Anderson your subscription for The Freeman while the low rate is on.

A NEW COMPANY.

The Imperial Vaudeville and Photoplay Company is a new company recently organized, with the folowlwing roster: Norma Thomas, manager; Buster McDonald, O. P. Stucklin, Curly Lewis and Rosella Thomas. The outlook so far is that the company is goin gto enjoy a successful season. They have already signed contracts that extend up until July.

McCABE'S MINSTRELS WILL REMAIN OUT.

McCabe's Georgia Troubadours are on the road and will remain out all season. This summer the troupe will make Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. There are sixteen people in the company and they are carrying all scenery equipment. Max C. Elliott is the agent and William McCabe is manager.

DUMAS AND WHEELER MAKE A CALL.

Report a Good Business This Season.

Mr. H. Dumas, proprietor of the "Hottest Coon in Dixie" Company, and his business manager, Mr. Alexander F. Wheeler, were recent callers at The Freeman office. They report good business, and were pleased with the outlook of the show business.

THE BLACK PATTI COMPANY.

The Black Patti Company is rolling on as they have been showing to S. R. O. for three weeks straight. It had the honor of showing in the Orpheum theater, Atlanta, Ga., it being the first and only colored show ever showing there. Miss Lelia B. Mitchell has been back with the company for four weeks.

DANA THOMPSON'S SUNNY DIXIE MINSTRELS.

Dana Thompson's Sunny Dixie Minstrels are still playing to packed houses. James Wallbufy, the celebrated trap drummer, and Samuel Tatnall, our tuba player, visited their parents in Brunswick, Ga., and they had a royal time. Kid McCoy and Viola McCoy are with us and are making good. Charles English, Richard Brown are sure winners with the company. Everybody is happy and send regards to all.

The Freeman is on sale in Denison, Tex., by H. Nelson, 416 Bond street, north.

GOSSIP OF THE STAGE
R.C. BUCKNER

Buddle Glenn is in Tampa, Fla.

Fiddler and Shelton are at Spokane, Wash.

Baby F. Seals and wife are still making good at the Crown Garden, Indianapolis.

Muriel Ringgold, the inimitable, is in Florida.

The Musical Byrons were at the Bijou Theater, Bay City, Mich., the week of the 28th.

Clever Billy Young was at Seattle, Wash., last week, with the Fisher Vaudeville Agency.

Pearl Moppin, hoop roller and trombonist, of Allen's Minstrels, sends regards to all friends.

The Princess Theater, Dallas, Tex., will soon open its doors to the public. A brilliant run is expected.

Aida Overton Walker and bunch would receive a royal welcome in the Middle West. "Why don't she come?"

Little Johnny Jones and Miss Eva Moore are aFt the opera ahouse, Youngstown, O., week of January 29, 1912.

It was rumored that Earl Walker was in Indianapolis this week. Well, we would have to see him with our own eyes.

The team of Day and Gulfport, at the Broadway Theater, Nyack, N. Y. Next week at the Montauk Theater, Passaic, N. J.

Some one swiped the moving picture machine from the Lincoln Theater, Washington, D. C. The house closed temporarily.

Thornton and Long closed a successful engagement at the Dixie theater, Richmond, Va., Saturday night. Now at Wilmington, N. C.

Had that delightful little personage, Eva Tanguay, in Indianapolis this week. Just as free and frolicsome as ever. Just wild about her.

Alonzo More, magician, made hits at the Howard and Blue Mouse Theaters, Washington, D. C. Now in British Columbia. Thinks of going to Hawaii.

The Celebrated Leon, magician and ventriloquist, after a successful engagement at the Dixie Theater, Tampa, Fla., closed January 21, leaving for Havana, Cuba.

The Moores, John and Lila, after five weeks in Wilmington, N. C., Winston-Salem, N. C., two weeks, opened at the Globe Theater, Jacksonville, Fla., January 22.

R. Roy Pope, bandmaster, has signed up the boys for Ringling Bros. for next season. Only a few new faces will be seen in the aggregation. Season opens about April 1.

Happy-Go-Lucky Simpson seemingly has got himself into a peck of trouble by his reflection on Manager Predinger. The boys say they know better; they are after him with a sharp stick.

The Walker Theater, Indianapolis, stands yet, the great untenanted, memorial of somebody's past greatness. Considerable faith and a long purse may yet work wonders with the venture.

Tim Owsley, manager of the Crown Garden, Indianapolis, done gone and done it another time—married a young school miss. He is as happy as a boy with his first pair of red-top boots.

It is said that Oscar Hammerstein, the millionaire theatrical manager, will bring to this country some colored foreign acts when he returns from Europe. Just bring 'em, that's all, as Dudley would say.

Richards and Pringle's Minstrels are at San Diego, Cal. Boys reported as doing well. Showing to full houses. R. S. Townsend gave a little dinner for Clarence Powell, Sydney Kirkpatrick, Geo. Day and W. H. Bowman.

Harry Brooks, the black face comedian, has returned from the coast, where he had a great success with his act. Brooks is now at Boston, Mass., playing a week's engagement at the Back Bay theater, under the management of Mr. Ed. C. Price, and is more than making good.

Louis Block, of Louisville, is writing songs for the Gotham Attuck Music Company, 136 West Thirty-seventh street, New York. "That Heaven Rag," "I Can't Stand for No More" and "That Dining Room Rag," and other songs that are making good are by him, and can be found on sale at all music stores.

D. W. Batsell's Orchestra is meeting with much success in the State of Alabaama. We are playing all classes of music and featuring all the laate music produced by our composers. Just received a copy of Wilber C. Sweatman's rag, "Down Home," which is just what I want for an encore number. W. E. Lewis, write me. Regards to "Sunny Dixie" bunch, and also Harrison Brothers. J. M. Busby, manager.

Another theater has closed. The Walker Theater, at Indianapolis, Ind.—due to mismanagement and negligence. Since the passing of Earl Walker the management has been very bad. Why not commemorate the theater to the name of George Walker, a monument to that famous actor, and let some active young man manage it?—Baltimore Times.

Got the dope a little wrong, but let it go at that. We might say that Walker was the first, last and only manager; it's his calamity, wholly, solely.

An evening's "de luxe," given by Mr. L. B. McCoy, the Southern playwright and producer, and Mr. Edward Saunder, the arranger and producer of the Glen Leaf Sextette, in honor of the North Central Quartette and the Glen Leaf Sextette, last Thursday, January 25, 1912, at Dallas, Texas. The affair is reported as one of the grandest that ever happened. The quartette and the sextette rendered selections. Members of quartette: Mr. Sam Griggs, first tenor; Mr. Robert Demastic, second tenor; Mr. J. M. McMillian, baritone; Mr. J. Davis, basso. Mr. W. Simpson leader. Members of sextette: Mr. H. Nelson, first tenor; Mr. J. Bagsby, second tenor; Mr. W. Shepard, baritone; Mr. J. Rains, leader; Mr. Ed Saunder, register bass; Mr. E. Roby, basso.

THE C. V. B. A. ACTORS DINE IN CHICAGO.

S. H. Dudley and Sylvester Russell Eat Together at the La Verdo.

On the evening of January 25th, following the settlement of the Russell-Dudley suit out of court, a re-union supper was given by the members of the Colored Vaudeville Benevolent Association of New York who are at present in Chicago. The supper took place at the La Verdo cafe, where a Chinese banquet luncheon was served. S. H. Dudley and Sylvester Russell ate supper together surrounded by Henry Troy, James Burris, Frank De Lyons, Will H. Vodery, Rolly Gibson, Arthur Wilson and James Harris, members of the C. V. B. A. Other members who were not able to be present at the supper were Billy Williams, Charles McKenzie, Tim Moore, Sam Patterson and Dan Michaels. Among a few of the musicians and actors invited by Mr. Russell were Charles Mitchell, Erskine Jackson, W. B. Kyle, Will H. Dorsey, Jas. P. Scott, Geo. Reeves, Dave Payton, Jr., Tobe Brown, rank Tate, Nelson Kincaid, Miles Harris, Chester Cunningham, John Goodloe, Chas. Gilpin (guest of Mr. Wilson) and the Era Comedy Four. Clarence Jones, of the La Verdo orchestra, was also an invited guest.

AT CROWN GARDEN THEATER.

Comment on this page is most generally confined to matters having to do with the theater and with the art of the theater—when in these latter days there is any—but, now and then we may be permitted a suggestion that I hope will not be mistaken for a command. That suggestion is, that light vaudeville be continued for a bit of time at the Crown Garden Theater.

This week there is a bill given that is so good in variety that it is certain to please, not only the wise old chap who has been a "first nighter" for nearly a score of years, but the little urchin of newspaper alley who has been here just long enough to see about a dozen or so of such plays. The very first thing on the program brought us back to the good days of the olden-time circus—the Punch and Judy that the old folks used to laugh at came in evidence, and they got the applause. Then there came Eloise Johnson with a surfeit of song and dance. She sang "Bill from Louisville" and "My Indian Rag" very entertainingly. There is a peculiar thrill in her voice that has one to believe she can do more and, be it necessary, with the classics rather than ragtime. But will the audience stand for it? One of the cleverest twenty-minute sketches ever seen here in vaudeville is that which Baby F. Seals and Baby Fisher are appearing in this week. Whatever the title of the little playlet is, it was not even hinted, but it has to do with a $10,000 race horse named "Josephine," whom the wife believes to be a woman whom her husband is infatuated with. Despite that her husband overhears the wife rehearsing some passionate lines concerning a man named Horace in a play Fin which she is to appear the following night. They get much exciting comedy out of their lines before they come to an understanding. Both of them are strong in their stage business, but suffer the least bit in their pronounciation of words.

There is a serpentine dance that follows that is done by a woman who knows the art, whatever her name may be, and when the picture of Lincoln was thrown upon her the clap of hands came from every side.

Allen and Morton proved the headliners of the bill and they kept things ringing and shouting as they sped down the ten-mile track far in the lead, even to the end. This act is a clever one and deserves especial credit for its originality and strength in comedy lines. Really they are comedians of the highest order, for they sing, dance and talk in the most magnetic way. We don't know of anyone who reminds us more of the late lamented Walker for attractive, glittering teeth and a hapyy countenance when singing a fitting song called "Pt On Your Glad Rags and Come With Me." But Allen can dance with the best of them. His imitations are approaching the real article. Allen and Morton—that's all!

C. MARSHALL.

LOUFISVILLE, KY.

Seats may now be secured for the local engagement of Hanlon's "Fantasma," which is scheduled as the attraction at The Walnut theater, beginning Sunday matinee, February 4. Hanlon's "Fantasma" has not been seen here for six years now, and it is promised that this new edition is new in everything but the name. As usual with all the Hanlon productions, "Fantasma" will be overflowing with wonderful tricks and illusions for which the Hanlons are famous. But in addition to these there will be several car-loads of massive and gorgeous scenery; there will be a cast of principals of exceptional merit; and a large chorus, and there will be ballets and transformation scenes and loads of fun. There is also a dramatic story in "Fantasma" which is bound to appeal to the old as well as the young. The music is all new and all in all it is promised that "Fantasma" this year is better and bigger and brighter than ever before. The engagement here will be a very short one. Special seats for colored people.

THE PEKIN, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

A very interesting bill is the offering at the Pekin Theater this week. McCarver and Diggs are the headliners, with a turn strong enough for the Keith time. Billy McCarver has been seen in this city, playing over the best vaudeville time, and has always been recognized as a star performer, and, with Diggs as a straight partner, he has a new act that is a scream. Minstrel Morris is back with us with an entirely new act. As a comedy juggler he is in a class by himself. We have only seen a few acts of this kind around here, and this is easily the best of them all. Miss Carrie May Hall, whom we have adopted as our own, is filing a spot on the bill nicely with several very catchy songs. Miss Jannie Troy, with some beautiful slides to assist her in her songs, made up a very interesting program.

Notes.

The Gaither Theater is still closed.

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Mr. Frank Q. Doyle, of the Doyle Booking Agency, passed through the city on Monday evening. He spent enough time at the Pekin to see the McCarver-Diggs act. It has been rumored that he is negotiating for the control of the Orpheum Theater, to complete a chain of vaudeville houses.

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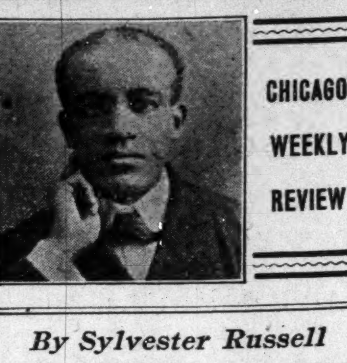
The Cubanola Trio, a new act from the Eastern Circuit, will be one of the attractions at the Pekin in the near future.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC



CHICAGO WEEKLY REVIEW

By Sylvester Russell

Rogers and Wiley Return to the Grand —Carita Day Finishes a Big Week.

There was a warm gathering which greeted Rogers & Wiley on their return last Monday evening, both artists repeating their former success. Rance Smith, a singing and dancing comedian, also colored, won high favor. Of the white acts Freeman and Fiske were modern wit talkers that took well. Lawrence Johnson, a ventriloquist seen last season at the Monogram, is great in his line of work. Long and Cotton, well-known performers, in "Managerial Troubles," an open stage act, had artistic merit. "The Four Comrades," acrobats, gave much fun. Carita Day drew crowds on the last half of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Keenan Wallace, in a "Box of Perfecto's," were good. Halligan and Sykes gave much fun and the "Seven Merry Youngsters" gave some amusement. Earl Walker and Leona Marshall were two well-known colored performers who gave a neat up-to-date act and made good. The pictures this week included "The White awn's Escape," with others. Manager Duke Brennan is now beginning to see the point.

WILL S. ABLE.

Singer.

Mr. Able was born in Lebanon, but was brought up in Louisville, Ky. He is a first-class rag time singer and entertains at the La Verda every evening.

Dan Michael's and Billy Mills Score at the Monogram—Lizzie Hart Continues Popular in New Songs.

The Michaels, who won so much favor at the Grand, opened at this house as the star attraction. Dan Michaels is not only a good modern comedian, singer and dancer, but he lived up to his eastern reputation as well, and his partner proved to be one of the cleverest soubrettes that has been seen on State street. Mr. Michaels sang "Adopted Child". The jungle scene was beautiful. Mills and Tansel, who made their first appearance in Chicago at this house, are another good team of new comers. Billy Mills as a comedian has all the qualities essential to great success and he proved to be a laugh provoker second to none on the bill. Miss Tansel possesses an excellent alto voice, which is deep and powerful and her "Chicken Reel" song was a winner. Madam Lizzie Hart, the high C prima donna, attired in a beautiful wardrobe, sang a semi-classical gem and Will Vodery's song, "The West Virginia Dance." The Baileys returned, popular as ever. Mr. Bailey wore a new tan suit which surpassed all of his previous efforts. Will H. Dorsey, who has been ill, returned to his post and as the music this week is difficult, Robert Scott, the clarinetist, and George Reeves, the artist drummer, smiled and welcomed back the little big chief. The music this week is fine and full houses was the rule on the opening night. Manager Martin Klein has now become more popular than ever.

The Phoenix Photo Plays Draw the Elite.

There has been something quite noticeable about this little picture house. It seems to draw many people who do not attend any of the other houses. And it is Manager Hammond's method ow catering to picture worshippers that makes this house so popular. Many people go to sing in the chorus of the illustrated songs. Among the good pictures on Monday evening were "Taking His Medicine" and "The Ghosts' Warning."

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Miller and Green opened Monday night at the Virginia theater and proved a success.

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Gilmore, Kinky and Gilmore open at the Howard Theater, Washington, D. C., next week. Buddy Gilmore denies that he played traps under price in a well-known wine room and states that he only played free for his own personal amusement.

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James Reece Europe, the well-known composer and leader, is reported to have been shot by Bessie Simms, an actress, in New York, and is said to be in a serious condition.

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Lillian Lee Ingram recently appeared at the Star theater, where she made good in a repertoire of songs.

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The Grand theater orchestra played at Ebeneezer Baptist church literary society meeting last Sunday afternoon.

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Herbert Lucca informs me that he is the original author of "The Man From Bam." He asserts that he gave the play to Andrew Tribble to be produced by the Pekin Stock Company, and after Miller and Lyles had revised it, they assumed the authorship.

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Pearl Hunter has returned from Wisconsin, where he was taken ill while filling his dates as a comedy entertainer.

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Daisy Martin, of the Smart Set company, made quite a hit in her singing and dancing specialties and bids fair to follow in the footsteps of her predecessors who have won recognition by advancing from the chorus.

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The Watermelon Jubilee Quartette, which consists of Isaac Bell, first tenor; Wm. Wright, second tenor; W. B. Williams, second bass and Sidney Williams, first bass, is now on a tour through Michigan.

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Miss Lottie Grady, the high-salaried soubrette formerly of the Pekin Stock company but later of the Bert A. Williams and the Smart Set companies, will open at the Monogram theater February 5th, for one week only.

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Jennie Hillman has retired from the S. H. Dudley Smart Set company as contralto singer and wardrobe mistress, owing to a disagreement regarding her salary. Miss Hillman, who left on her own accord, is now in the city and is already considering two offers from managers.

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J. G. Young and Charles H. Hunt, of Milwaukee, Wis., were in the city for a few days' visit, as the guests of Charles H. Young, the baritone singer.

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Illa Vincent was the attraction at the Pekin theater at a special performance riday evening of last week. The vaudeville bill consisted of Gilmore, Kinky and Gilmore, Mr. Smith, Ella Douglass and Picks, Dan Michaels and wife, and Cotton Blossoms.

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Frank Tate, violinist; Nelson Kincaid, clarinetist, and Miles Harris, trap drummer, of the new Grand theater orchestra, were the victims of a typographical error which appeared last week. The article which read that they were not effective should have read that their work was most effective.

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One thing that keeps actors and musicians back is the fact that they are alwas trying to knock each other, undermine each other and misrepresent themselves. It is almost useless to speak of this form of ignorance and envy except to state that all performers of the kind are usually failures.

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The Colored Vaudeville Benevolent Association will give a prize masquerade and vaudeville show at the Manhattan Casino, New York City,, 155th street and 8th avenue, on Thursday evening, February 15th. Box seats are now on sale at the C. V. B. A. rooms, 127 West 30th street. More will be said about this affair next week.

EASTERN THEATRICAL NOTES.

(By Billy E. Jones.)

Miller and Lyles at Hammerstein's this week.

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Regards to George Walker and Mr. Montgomery.

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Avery and Hart this week at Hammerstein's theater, New York.

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The Singalese troupe of singers and dancers at the Blue Mouse theater, Washington, D. C.

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Mitchel and Settle, new team, opened at the National theater, New York, and scored a big success.

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Carlisle and Wellman this week at the Oxford theater, London. These boys have scored a big success since arriving there.

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Thomas and Ward open in Detroit on the Gus Sun time Monday. The singing of Miss Ward is one of the features of the act.

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Kid Thomas and Ward opened at Detroit, Mich., on the Gus Sun time, last Monday, after finishing two weeks in Washington, D. C.

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Billy Palmer is busy organizing his band at Washington, D. C., for the circus and may open with the Millers' 101 Ranch agitation.

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Miss Pearl Jones, who has been somewhat under the weather at Richmond, Va., is better. Will open soon at the Pekin theater, Richmond.

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"My Friend From Dixie" company will not play at the Howard theater, Washington, D. C., until later in the season, instead of the week of February 12.

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Rastus Brown, the champion buck and wing eccentric dancer who played the Lincoln theater, New York, last week, scored a big hit with his dancing.

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Mr. Rufus G. Byars, late of San Antonio, Texas, is still house manager at the Howard theater and Mr. Arthur Williams, of Houston, Texas, is doorman.

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The team of Hunter and Chappelle at the Crescent theater, New York, this week. They are booked through Pennsylvania and will leave New York Monday.

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Eugene Hellman, the magician now at Atlantic City, is busy getting his act ready for his New York opening next season. He will have many new features.

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The Samoan Girls' Quartette, which made such a hit at the Howard theater, opened at Daly's theater, Baltimore, Md., Monday, scoring a big hit in their novelty act.

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Mr. Miller, of the Miller Family, just finished two excellent instrumental numbers for publication. One is a waltz number and the other a selection. Copies will be on sale soon.

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The Frogs will give their first entertainment January 29th at the New Casino, 107th street, New York City. Bert Williams is president; Lester A. Walton, vice president. A record crowd expected.

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Billy E. Jones, the singing comedian, is scoring a big success with the new song hits, "Chicken Rag," "I'll Spoon to the Tune of the Silvery Moon," and "The Baboon Baby Dance," a new song hit featured by Blanche Ring.

To all performers: We are all in this business for an honest living, so try and use your own brains. If a performer is making good with his own original material please don't steal it. We have performers who will go to a theater with a pencil and paper and copy word for word until they have the entire act and then go in a town ahead of you and do the same act and get all the credit for it. So please use your own brains and oblige, Ora Criswell.

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Would like for Mr. Sylvester Russell, my friend whom I have not seen for quite a while, since he left Newark, N. J., to send his address to Billy E. Jones, 1805 Fourth street, northwest, Washington, D. C.

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Miss Ora Criswell is some more coon shouter. She certainly can get that "Wild Cherry Rag" over with perfection. She is another May Irwin and Stella Mayhew would look with envy upon her at the Howard theater, Washington, D. C., last week.

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Joe Sandifer, the Beau Brummel of vaudeville, since arriving in Washington has made a host of friends and is very popular among the Smart Set as he is very much of a gentleman and his work on the stage at the Howard theater has made a big hit.

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Miss Ora Criswell, the famous singing comedienne who appeared at the Howard theater, Washington, D. C., recently, scored one of the biggest hits here as a single. Her singing of "Pianoman" gained for her much applause. Ora Criswell is natural on the stage; she is Ora Criswell and the same off the stage. She is not artificial. She needs no grease paint, powder or rouge to make her different than she is. Although she uses it, she does not need it. She joined hands with Joe Sandifer, the well-known black face comedian. They opened at the Howard theater last week and the act was a scream and the biggest hit on the bill, being also the headliner. They opened last Monday at the Fairyland theater and the act is booked indefinitely.

ALBERT YOUNG
Slack wire artist with "Hottest Coon in Dixie'

CENTRAL THEATER, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

King's Stock Company presented for an opening, "My Rich Uncle"; met with favor. Miss Annie St. Claire, the much interrupted wife, engages Billy Higgins, the funniest droll comedian in the South to play baby in order to fool her rich uncle. The dialogue between these two is sprightly and the situations uproariously funny. After a big variety of vaudeville, the stock company concluded with a western comedy drama, "Matilda, the Pet of the Ranch." The play has strong emotional situations. The complications are numerous and seemingly inextricable, but the unexpected appearance of Steve brings down the house nightly. The vaudeville acts are Wiggins Bros., in their second week, were caught with the goods on. Their second act is bright, vivacious and full of clever humor. The cleverest hit when they introduce the Zulu dance. Miss Rebecca Redmond. No one can escape the reeling and shoulder movements when she sings the "Mysterious Rag." Boyd and Boyd, the little folks, after a much needed rest as vaudevillians, came in strong. The audience welcomed them back. This team is absolutely an ardent working one. Their act offers a series of ridiculous situations closing with a very astonishing and laughable dance. "The Ghost." Miss Lillian Brown made a flying trip to Chicago, on account of her mother's illness. After a fair promise that her mother would be all right in a few days, she went out and loaded her stage gun with mirth and music and as soon as she hit the footlights this charming little soubrette started firing at the audience. Everybody must have been hit. You could hear them say as they passed out, "Lillian is all right, and the show has 'got 'em.'"

Look out for the baseball edition.

ROUTE.

S. H. DUDLEY, IN "DR. BEANS FROM BOSTON"—Youngstown, O., Feb. 4 to 7; Toledo, 8 to 10.

J. LUBRIE HILL, IN "MY FRIEND FROM DIXIE"—Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 5, 6, 7; Rochester, 8, 9, 10.

"HOTTEST COON IN DIXIE"—Shelbyville, Ind., week of Feb. 5.

IMPERIAL VAUDEVILLE AND PHOTO-PLAY CO.—Vinton, Ia., Feb. 4 to 9.

BLACK PATTI MUSICAL COMEDY CO.—Tampa, Fla., Feb. 5; Orlando, 6; New Smyrna, 7; Daytona, 8; St. Augustine, 9; Palatka, 10.

KIBBLE & MARTIN'S U. T. C. CO.—Baltimore, Md., week of Feb. 5.

LOWERY & MORGAN'S MINSTRELS—Columbia, Mo., Feb. 5; Mexico, 6; Vandalia, 7; Bowling Green, 8; Louisiana, 9; Perry, 10.

"JOLLY" JOHN LARKINS, IN "ROYAL SAM"—Kingfisher, Okla., Feb. 5; Enid, 6; Pawnee, 7; Tulsa, 8; Muskogee, 9; Vinita, 10.

McCABE'S GEORGIA TROUBADOUR MINSTRELS—Peabody, Kans., Feb. 5-6; Hutchinson, 7; Sterling, 8; Pawnee Rock, 9; Larned, 10.

LETTER LIST.

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Arnte, B.
Blake, Enoch
The Bruces
Cross, T. R.
Dixon, Wm.
Dudley, E. B.
Elliott, E. J.
Fitts, S. F.
Hull, D. R.
Harris, Geo.
Harrison, Louis
Hughes, Atrus
Jones, Archie
Kewley, Fred
LaRose, A. C.
Lee, Wm.
Lee, Walter
Mayfield, W. M.
Mickels, Eugene
Mayfield, W. H.
Mores, J. Francis
McCamon, J. H.
Nicholas, Rufus
Peat, E. F.
Sheftel, Joseph.
Smith, James
Sadler, Wm.
Simmons, Cress
Timmons, Willie.
Viney, Whitney
Veneable, Ellek
Wolfscale, Geo.
Wise, Hen.
Winn, oJe.
Williams, C.H.
Zeeke, Billy.

Ladies' List.

Bright, Miss Gussie.
Edwards, Laura
Fairfax, Mabel
Hayes, Miss Ella.
Hayes, Miss Ella
Johnson, Miss Mamie
Moore, Miss Maggie
Michaels, Leoara
Moore, Miss Mazie
Nicholas, Miss Ray
Ramsey, Miss A.
Shaw, Blanche.
Smith, Augustus
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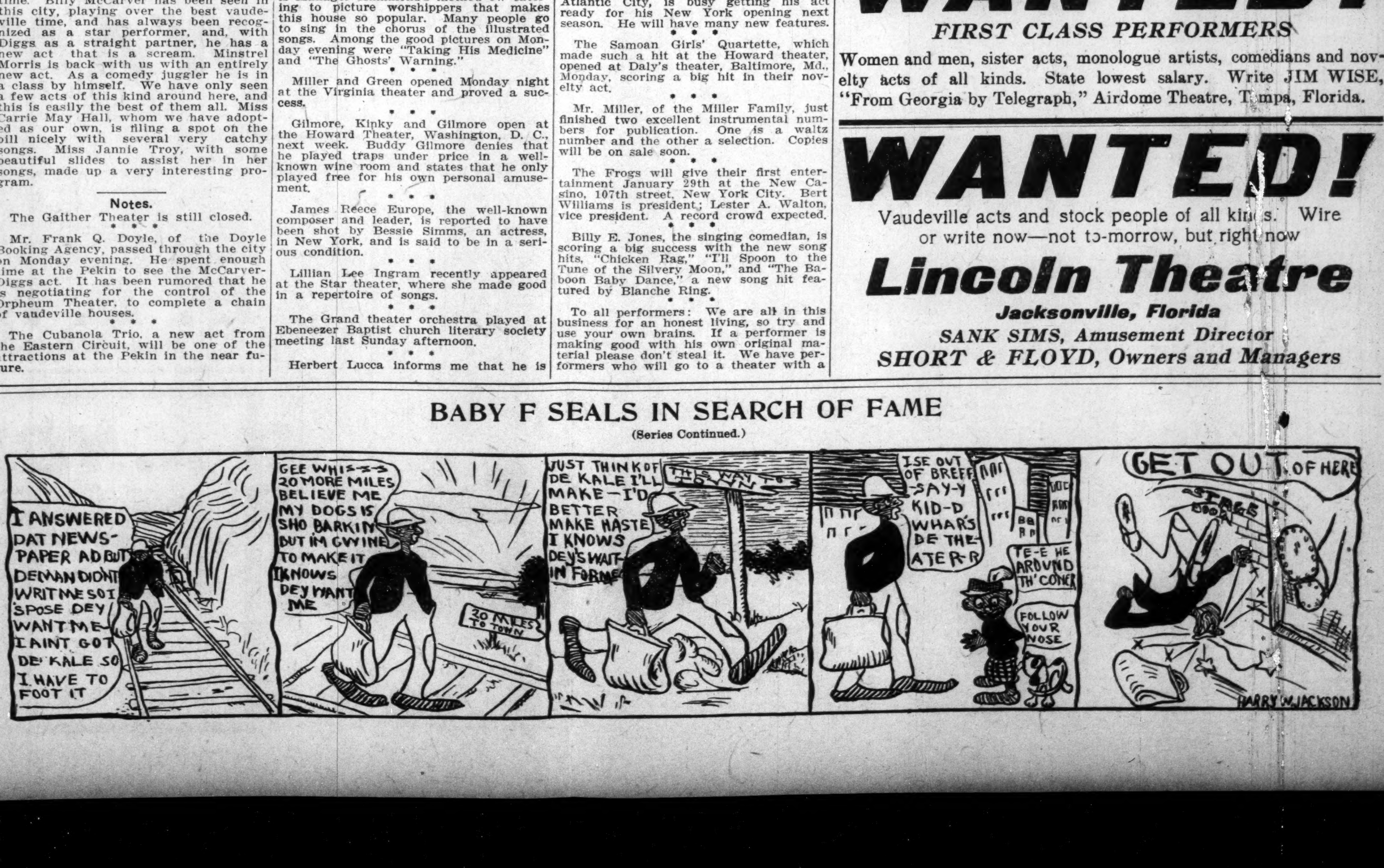
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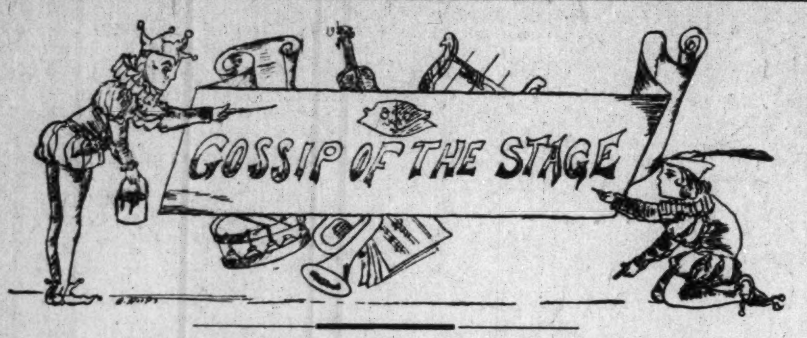

The team of Pugh and Pugh. E. E. and Lizbzie, opened on the 22nd at the new playhouse, Tampa, Fla.

Mabel Whitman and "Picks" are on the coast going "Big." Pantages circuit. Mrs. Whitman singing Washington Rag and screaming them.

Harry Kraton, writing on board the ship Geo. Washington, says that he is on his way to London. He wil do a twelve months tour of Europe.

Clever Billy Young just closed successful engagement at the Lyric Theater, Raymond, Wash. Thinks of taking work with the Fisher agency. California circuit.

Week of 29th that Mysterious Trio. Green, Pew & Green, have just closed two successful weeks at Dixie. Charlotte. S. C., and opened at Johnson Theaatorium, Columbia, S. C.

Gus Simmons, the little wonder comedian, spent several days of this week in the city on business. He left Wednesday night for Cincinnati, O., where he will wake up things for Ollie Demsey. Crown Garden patrons thought that they would have a chance to see Gus while here as they like his work "muchly."

EVERYBODY IS TALKING ABOUT BABY F. SEALS AND BABY FLOYD FISHER.

For the fourth successive week Baby F. Seals and Baby Floyd Fisher have been held over at the Crown Garden theatre, this city. This team of versatility is still keeping them screaming with a brand new act each and every week and we wonder how many more the Original Baby F. Seals has up his sleeve.

A. FREEMAN READER.

NOTES FROM THE ALCAZAR THEATER, GALVESTON, TEXAS.

We are sending them away screaming nightly. Mr. George Centers, our efficient stage manager, is certainly putting on some shows. Sandy Burns, the fellow that works any where, is certainly the talk of Galveston, for the way he trips is awful. Eddie Wilson, our straight man, is certainly holding his own, and as a classical songster I must say he has no equal. Now look who is here, the old reliable John Tanner, the dancing king. Famous Rae Wallburg, better known as the little woman with the teasing wardrobe, is certainly in a class by herself and has easily made frienrs with the Galveston theatregoers. Other useful members of the company are Misses Alma Hughes, Jessie Burnett, Carrie L. Huff and Gretchen Rogers. The entire company sends best regards to all in and out of the profession, and say don't forget that our manager, Mr. A. Ritzler, is a real theatrical prince.

WILLIAM ROBINSON, JR., GIVES A PRIVATE ENTERTAINMENT.

Does His Stunt at The Freeman Office Before Critical Audience and Passes.

Monday evening between six and seven o'clock William Robinson of the team of Cooper & Robinson, who are playing B. F. Keith's theatre this week, gave a little performance with the assistance of "William Robinson Jr.,' at the Freeman office before the staff and most especially for the entertainment of Manager Elwood C. Knox and wife.

"William Robinson Jr." is nothing more than a wooden doll suspended on a piece of wire nearly a foot long. This doll is so made that it resembles a jumping-jack with very loose joints at the knees, trunk and elbows. A cigar box is used as a platform upon which it stands and with a constant little tapping upon the wire with your finger the doll will do a buck and wing dance nearly as good as any artistic dancer. "Getting over Sal" seems to be one of the easiest feats for this figure to do. What makes it all the more entertaining is Robinson's imitation of a real orchestra during the time the doll is dancing.

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Mr. Al. Boyd, a very popular and well known charatecr actor of the Crown Stock company, left unexpectedly for Arkansas last Wednesday afternoon. It is not known why Mr. Boyd made such a hasty departure.

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Margie Bennett and six colored performers who are billed as the "Six Eagle Rochs" on the program of the Empire theatre, are playing at the theatre mentioned this week and are a great hit with everyone who sees them.

SEEN AND HEARD WHILE PASSING.

(By S. Tutt Whitney.)

Critics and Criticism.

One is either above or below criticism. A very few are above; none will acknowledge being below, consequently most of us are liable to criticism.

Intelligent criticism, administered in the right spirit is no doubt beneficial. "Our best friends are those who tell us of our faults and help us to mend them," should be the attitude of all critics.

A critic should be a devotee of art. His criticisms should carry no personal note. His only thought should be the advancement of the art to which he is a devotee.

The majority of soi-disant dramatic critics are incompetent. They have no experimental or technical knowledge of the thing they presume to criticse. One would not think of sending a butcher to criticise an art exhibit, or a shoemaker to criticise a piano recital. Yet this is what happens nightly in our theatres. It is a significant fact that nine-tenths of the regular theatregoers judge themselves to be competent critics, notwithstanding two-thirds of this nine-tenths has never been behind the footlights, or has any knowledge of the dramatic art only as it is portrayed to them by the artists upon the stage.

Because one has read the Etude or the Musician and become familiar with a few musical terms, does not make that one able to criticise a singing or a violin recital.

A critic should not only be able to detest an error but to suggest the correction as well. His aim should be to encourage not to discourage the artist. He should allow nohting personal to enter his writings, thereby germinating a doubt of his honesty of purpose.

A critic should be severe in his denunciation of the bad, the false, the illegitimate; and quick to encourage the good, the true, and the legitimate in art.

It may be interesting to some to read what some of the world's great thinkers and writers have had to say of critics and criticism. Below are a few quotations:

"Criticism should be written for the public and not for the artist; and when I say the artist is wise to leave it unread, I do so because I conceive for him, in the conduct of his life, an ideal that far transcends all consideration of the press. Humble and gentle, certainly, the true servant will ever be. But let him also be self-reliant when the emergency comes, proud in his conscious power, and satisfied in the knowledge that he has done his best." William Winter, the Press and the Stage).

"Criticism is above all a gift, an intuition, a matter of tact and flair; it cannot be taught or demonstrated,—it is an art." (Amiel, Journal).

"Sympathy is the first condition of criticism; reason and justice pre-suppose, at their origin, emotion." (Amiel, Jounal).

"Some men think about the defects of their friends, and there is nothing to be gained by it. I have always paid attention to the merits of my enemies, nad found it an advantage." (Goethe).

"You know who the critics are? The men who have failed in literature and art." (Disraeli).

"What a blessed thing it is that nature, when she invented, manufactured, and patented her authors, contrived to make critics out of the chips that were left." (Holmes).

"A wise scepticism is the first attribute of a good critic." (Lowell).

"A critic must accept what is best in a poet, and thus become his best encourager." (Stedman).

SAYS CHAIN OF COLORED THEATERS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED.

Praises Dudley For His Thoughtful Proposition.

Dramatic Editor of The Freeman:

I see in the issue of January 20 an article from the pen of the great comedian, Sherman Houston Dudley, and from it I glean that he is after establishing a chain of real colored theaters. to be owned and operated by colored men exclusively. I am much in favor of it from the fact that I have never considered any theater that is owned by white men a colored theater. Again, I have noticed that the average theater owned by whites for colored patronage often rings in the white act. But to explain myself properly, I would say that colored men in the various cities that Mr. Dudley mentions ought to jump at the proposition when they are to remember that such a man as Mr. Dudley offers his services and money, as well as a safe bet, that such a project ought to make good.

Mr. Dudley has had long years of experience in the theatrical business and should know how to guide the ship aright. Theatrical business is a paying business when placed in the hands of one who knows the game, as does the veteran actor, Mr. Dudley. In each of these principal cities stock companies should be formed, and should the leading citizens of color not be strong enough, then small shares should be issued and bought up until the proper amount has been raised.

Of all things we should be very careful in our selection of playhouses. Our people are strong on elegance. We love refinement and comfort as well. The fact is, you cannot make the interior of a theater too pretty for the colored theatergoer. He will buy a box every night in the week if you have one. So, in purchasing or erecting a house get away from the idea that a barn is good enough for him.

But, to return to Mr. Dudley, we are glad to see him have such kindly progressive feeling for his race, and hope that his proposition for establishing a chain of colored theaters will pull through at an early date. I hope that every colored business man will look into this matter and then jump in and render his assistance.

I am yours for the race,

JOHN R. THOMAS.
Indianapolis. Ind.

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When a white man opens up a business in a colored neighborhood see if he advertises in a colored paper or do not trade with him.

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Messrs. Samuel Simmons, R. E. Soleman, F. Everett, of New York City, were in Chicago January 17 the dining car service of the Erie R. R. Co.

Whatever you railroad men do do not forget to give Mr. Winston, of 4015 Cottage Grove avenue, Chicago, Ill., your subscription for The Freeman.

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Mr. Daniel F. Carter, 4757 Armour avenue, the general manager and mixoligist at the Bachelors Club, is a perfect gentleman, and it is too bad that Dan dont' own the club himself.

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Mr. Henry Crenshaw, 5146 Dearborn street, is in the service of the Pullman Co. to St. Louis, Mo., parlor car, train 21 and 22, over the Chicago Eastern Illinois Railroad Company lines.

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If Kate Waller loves to carry news she should get with a good colored paper, and maybe she could get (Jim Cross) to advertise the Bachelors Club. She had to come from 21st and Dearborn to tell Cross what she did not see in The Freeman.

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Mr. Edward Broks, who was frozen January 5, between Hampton and Empire, Minn., flagging on a hand car, has returned to his post of duty as train porter on train No. 1 and 2 to the city of Minneapolis, Minn., in the service of the Chicago Great Western Railway Company, January 18.

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When the press shows up some of these clubs' dirt the owner outhollers a cut pig. The reader no doubt may know what clubs this article referred to. If these clubs are not right The Freeman will put you wise, so be on the lookout for clubs that use female waitresses where strong drinks are sold. A money making proposition for the bar, so they say, but get wise to such propositions.

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Fellow Railroad Men—I have been appointed train porter in the passenger service of the Chicago Great Western Railway Company service between Chicago and Oelwein, Ia., and I will be pleased to take each railroad man's subscription for The Freeman at this railroad junction. As The Freeman gives space to the rollroad men it is up to you to show The Freeman Publishing Company that your heart is right by giving Mr. John R. Winston your subscription. His address is 4015 Cottage Grove avenue, Chicago, Il.

POPULATION OF WEST VIRGINIA ACCORDING TO COLOR.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—A preliminary statement of the white and Negro population of West Virgiana, by counties and principal cities, as shown by the returns of the thirteenth decennial census, taken as of April 15, 1910, was issued today by Director Durand of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce and Labor. The statistics were prepared under the direction of William C. Hunt, chief statistician for population in the Census Bureau, and are subject to later revision.

The total population of West Virginia in 1910 was subdivided as to color as follows: White, 1,156,817; Negro, 64,173; all other persons (Indians, Chinese and Japanese), 129. The equivalent figures for 1900 were: White, 915,233; Negro, 43,499; all other, 68. For 1890 they were: White, 730,077; Negro, 32,690; all other, 27.

The Negro population constituted 5.2 per cent of the total population of the state in 1910, as against 4.5 per cent in 1900 and 4.3 per cent in 1890.

There has been an increase since 1900 in the Negro population of 20,674, or 47.5 per cent, as compared with an increase during the preceding decade of 10,809, or 33.1 per cent. The whites increased frob 1900 to 1910 at about the same rate as from 1890 to 1900, the increase being, respectively, 241,584, or 26.4 per cent, as against 185,156, or 25.4 per cent.

Wheeling city had a population in 1910 of 41,641, comprising 40,433 whites, 1,201 Negroes, and 7 other persons (Chinese). The equivalent figures for 1900 were: White, 37,804; Negroes, 1,066; all other, 8. For 1890 they were: White, 33,541; Negroes, 974; all other, 7.

The proportion of Negro of the total population of Wheeling has changed but little since 1890 ,the proportion in 1910 being 2.9 per cent, as compared with 2.7 perecent in 1900 and 2.8 per cent in 1890. The increase from 1900 to 1910 in the white population was 2,629, or 7 per cent, as against an increase for the preceding decade of 4,263, or 12.7 per cent, as compared with an increase from 1890 to 1900 of 92, or 9.4 per cent.

HORSE BREEDING DEPARTMENT AT TUSKEGEE.

Lexington, Ky.

In compliance with a promise made some time ago to President Booker T. Washington, W. E. D. Stokes, the New York, millionaire owner of Patchen Wilkes Stock Farm, in this county, has just presented to Tuskegee Institute, at Tuskegee, Ala., a high-class trotting stallion valued at $2,000, which, with some mares that have been promised by Eastern horsemen, will form a nucleus of a breeding establishment to be started as a feature of this stockraising department of this noted industrial school.

The horse presented by Mr. Stokes is Crystopoise, a three-year-old black stallion, sired by Crystalion, out of Electro by Electrotype, and which has a trial of 2:27 at two years old.

The animal was taken to Tuskegee this week by Ed. Willis, colored, resident manager of Patchen Wilkes, and presented to President Washington with the compliments of Mr. Stokes.

In connection with the presentation of the stallion, which was strongly urged by Manager Willis, who was impressed with the belief that the inauguration of the horse-breeding industry at this noted school would result advantageously for the institution as well as the colored race, an unexpected but fitting honor was bestowed on Willis in return for the gift. This came in the shape of an honary degree of Doctor of Breeding, Training and Handling of Horses, conferred on him by the institute through President Washington in the presence of the faculty and students. The degree, which was in the form of a diploma, was presented to Manager Willis on a handsome silver tray, the gift of Mr. Stokes also, the ceremony and gift being more of a surprise to Manager Willis than the presentation of the horse to the instiution.

The silver tray, which is an exceedingly handsome trophy is valued at $1,000—at least this was the valuation placed upon it by the express company, by which it was transported from New York to Tuskegee, and which was the valuation that Manager Willis was compelled to pay expressage on for shipping it to Lexington.

This gift from Mr. Stokes, presented on this occasion, was in recognition of Manager Willis' fidelity and ability in managing Patchen Wilkes farm so successfully for several years for Mr. Stokes. Naturally Willis is very proud of the gift, as well as the honor conferred upon him by Tuskegee Institute, and upon his return home Saturday from Alabama expressed his gratitude to his benfactors, and was greatly elated over the outcome of his trip.

THEY LIKE THE FREEMAN.

Washington C. H., Ohio.

Hon. E. C. Knox: Dear Sir—Find inclosed a check for one dollar ($1.00' for which you will please renew my subscription to the Freeman for another year. We feel lost without the Freeman.

Very truly,
J. T.OATNEAL.

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Winnfield, La., Jan. 20, 1912.

The Freeman Publishing Co., Indianapolis, Ind.:

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Yours for the race,
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West Baden, Ind.

Mr. Edwood C. Knox, Manager Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.:

I am head waiter at the West Baden Hotel. Have been here for three and a half years, serving in that capacity, and have been a constant reader and admirer of your valuable paper, which I think is the best colored paper in the country today. Please find inclosed $100, for which kindly send me your paper for one year. Respectfully yours,

J. L. FOWLER.
West Baden, Ind.

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Chicago, Ill., Jan. 19, 1912.

Indianapolis Freeman:

Gentlemen—Last year I took advantage of your special reduced rate on yearly subscriptions for the Freeman and made six Christmas presents in the way of having the Freeman sent to six little friends for one year each. I had it sent to these little ones because I knew it would inspire them to greater efforts and deeds and that I knew they would get much useful information on history and the race, which they would not get in school. As I am now positive that the Freeman—our leader—has had just such influence upon these children as well as the grown-ups, their parents and older sisters and brothers, and even the little associates of thee children. I wish here to take advantage of your special reduced rate for January and renew these subscriptions for one year: Miss Catharine L. Weaver, 42234 Evans avenue, Chicago, Ill. This is my own little daughter. The other five are at Marion, Indiana: Miss Naomi Frazier, Mr. J. Louis Barber, Miss Thelma Fraizier. These do not live at the same address, but all receive their mail at the same place, 3608 South Landis street, Marion Indiana. Miss Beatrice Weaver, 1622 South Florence street, Marion, Indiana; Mr. W. Archie Nukes, 1919 South Meredian street, Marion, Indiana. Yours for a prosperous and successful new year and life.

A. L. WEAVER.
4234 Evans avenue, Chicago, Ill.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

(By A. C. Oglesby.)

Special to The Freeman.

Well, the backbone of winter is broken and today the sun is shining bright and warm like a summer day. The thermometer is registering 42 degrees above zero. ....Bishop Lee is in the city this week. He is making preparations for the general conference that is to be held here this fall....Mr. G. B. Robengine, of 657 Winona avenue, is on the sick list. He has a slight attack of pneumonia, but his physician pronounces him out of danger. He is a "brave knight" and the members of that order have taken excellent care of him during his illness.....Well, the waiters of the Baltimore hotel have decided at the request of the Hon. W. M. McKnight, the renowned headwaiter, to come together and have a little social gathering and discuss vital topics of interest not only to the waiter but to the country at large. As the eve of the presidential nomination is at hand, and as we have more than 1,000 waiters here who are in possession of as many votes, we are anxious to get our finger in the political pie and see if we cannot add something to the flavor of it, if so, we will possibly be able to get a small slice of it to carry back home. It is time that we, as waiters, were learning the value of unity and get away from that "old dog on the bale of hay." I can not eat it myself, so I will keep the horse away. We intend to move in a body and let the other fellow see that we can all pull together. This banquet will take place on about the 25th of this month and such well-known speakers as the Hon. Knot Houston and Calloway, who are famous lawyers of this city, will be there to give us some timely advice and we as a body of men have an abundance of orators to draw from....Mr. W. B. Owens, ex-headwaiter of the Savoy hotel, one of our leading hotels, has been on the sick list for almost a year and an appeal was made the Baltimore hotel waiters for aid Tuesday, the 16th inst., and they, like good soldiers, cheerfully put their hands into their pockets and laid upon the table $20.35. Now how much they raised for Mr. Owens at the Savoy hotel I do not know, but the waiters of the Baltimore have always responded to every call of mercy. Mr. Dean, the manager died and they gave him a design that cost $30.00, and when our chef, Mr. Dealvaux, met his untimely death in an automobile accident, they gave him one that cost $25.00. They may have faults, but who has not? God will reward them for what they are doing....Mr. O. Cooper has been on the sick list for the past week, but is Fback on duty again. I can say truthfully that Mr. Cooper is one of the finest young men that it has been my good fortune to meet; he is an ideal young man and an honorable gentleman....Mr. W. M. Godwin, of St. Paul, Minn., is back with us again. Godwine was with us last winter but as it is so very hot here he went back to St. Paul for the summer. He is quite a favorite here as well as in his home town with the ladies....Mr. Tom Herndron, captain of the star watch, is off for a few days of pleasure. Mr. Ben Bradford is acting as captain during his absence.

ADDYSTON, OHIO.

Jessie Walters, aged 28, colored, employed at the plant of the Island Creek Coal Company, met with a serious accident, which may prove fatal, Monday morning at 9 o'clock while pushing coal cars on the trestle of the plant, by making a mistake in throwing one of the switches one of the coal cars hit Walters in the back knocking him to the ground a distance of 70 feet. He was taken to the Betts street hospital in an unconscious condition....Aunt Huldey Garnett, age 110, probably the oldest resident of the village, received a second stroke of paralysis Monday at noon. At this writing she is yet alive....The members of the irst Baptist church will celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday February 14.... Subscribe for The Freeman....Mrs. John Henderson, of Lexington, Ky., spent several days in the village the guest of Mrs. S. H. Pillow....Rev. E. J. McCray, D. D., will deliver the principal address at the celebration of Lincoln's birthday February 12, to be held at Pillow's hall...... Henry Delaney and Terliss Young are registered on the sick calendar; both are doing fairly well.

DEATH OF PROF. F. S. DELANEY AT WILBERFORCE, OHIO.

The faculty and students, of Wilberforce University, having learned of the death of Professor F. S. Delaney, son of the late Major Martin R .Delaney, take this opportunity to express their grief at his early demise and to add this testimony to the excellence of his character and to the value of his services.

His youth and early manhood were spent in this vicinity. As a student he was exemplary in conduct and superior in attainments, graduating with honors. Early in his life he became an earnest Christian and continued while here always to manifest the deepest consciensciousness.

He was most respectful and devoted to his parents, especially to his mother. After an absence of several years he was called here to occupy the chair of Mathematics, giving perfect satisfaction in his work. As a member of the faculty his life was an inspiration to all, especially to the young man. He was strong and genial, treating students with great cordiality, yet never losing his power over them for good.

In his death it is resolved that the cause of education has lost an important leader, the colored people a man of great value, and the Wilberforce Alumni a member whose life has been a credit to the institution, and who has been personally its staunch supporter. Resolved; That the faculty and students of Wilberforce University hereby renew the expressions of grief and tender their sympathies to the bereaved widow and son thus early deprived of husband and father; and likewise to the sister and brothers who suffer the loss of the companionship of a loving brother, who has passed beyond to join the CHOIR INVISIBLE.

W. S. SCARBOROUGH,
HALLIE Q. BROWN,
T. G. STEWARD.

DR. TODD KILLED IN RAILROAD ACCIDENT T FRANKFORT, KY.

FRANKFORT, Ky.—Dr. Louis G. P. Todd, son of Rev. W. R. Todd, one of the most prominent citizens of the capital city, lost his life recently in a railroad accident in Chicago. The remains were brought to Frankfort for burial. This young man followed the profession of teaching for a number of years, but left it to take up the study of medicine in Howard university. After graduation he located in Muskogee, Oklahoma, where he practiced successfully. His widow, Myrtle Foster Todd, will continue to reside in Muskogee, being employed as teacher of English and literature in the high school.

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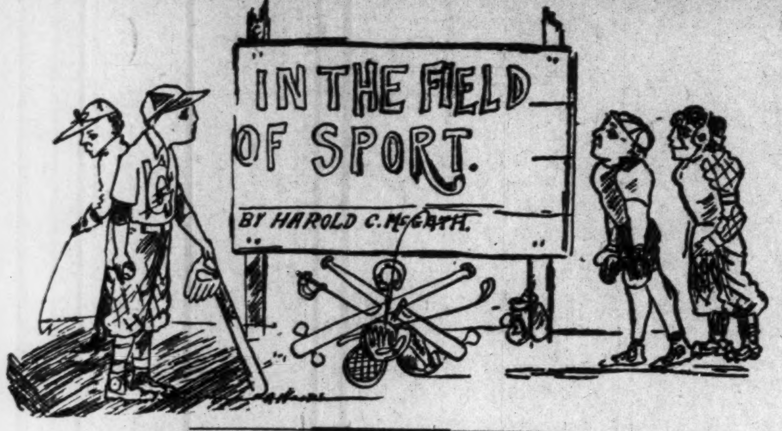
IN THE FIELD OF SPORT.
BY HAROLD C. McGRATH.

SPORTING NEWS.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 22.—Local sporting promoterFs have asked the police here for "tentative sanction" for a boxing bout, in which Jack Johnson, the champion, will meet Jim lynn and Al. aPlzer ol the same afternoon, each bout to be 15 rounds. It is proposed to hold the sessions at a nearby summer resort on July 4. The promoters say they have offered Johnson as his share a guarantee of $50,000.

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The Stadium series, Sydney, Australia, are yet on. The matches are not so important as those up until Christmas. January 26, Dave Smith, Australian, beat Cyclone Johnny Thompson in a 20-round contest.

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O, the wild, wild ride Jack Johnson gave the Chicago chief of police. A regular Tam O' Shanter of an affair.

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CHICAGO—James J. Corbett and Jack Johnson are to fight it out in Chicago inside the next month. Not with gloves, perhaps, but they may get together with the bare fists before it is over. They are to stage their battle in court. "Marquis of Blackstone" rules will govern. Each is to act as his own attorney and cross-examine the other. That surely ought to make a lively set-to, as both pride themselves on their legal abilities and repartee. Jack put it over Jim in the talkfest at Reno because he was winning over Jeff easily and had all the better of things generally. This time it may be different. Corbett is to be aggressor in the legal battle. James J. arrived in town yesterday morning. He left last night for stage work at Lacrosse, Waterloo and Detroit. He will be back in two weeks and then the fun will begin. The former champion is to sue Johnson for libel, basing his case on the affidavit made out recently by Johnson and published. The affidavit charges that Corbett and H. H. Frazee, the theatrical man, at a conference with Johnson, asked him to take a six-round fight with Corbett at Philadelphia. Corbett brands this story as a lie. He admits talking with Johnson, but says Frazee was not there, also claiming that Johnson agreed to fight him and then ducked out of the match.

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NEW YORK—After disposing of the Attell-Brown fiasco, the state boxing commission formulated the following rules:

"All boxing clubs must provide press seats in the first row around the ring; that one representative from each paper shall be entitled to a seat in the press stand; that the representatives of the morning newspapers shall receive preference of the allotment of seats alongside of telegraph instruments.

"That contestants in the main bout shall weigh in at the ringside in the presence of the inspector of the club or the representative of the commission regardless of private agreements between contestants in the match, and that said ringside weights shall be announced from the ring before the contest."

The commissioners will also suggest that all-star bouts as far as possible, be started in the future at or near 10 p. m.

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Illa Vincent was a victor over the Great Unknown, who recently challenged him. The match took place at the Pekin Theater, Chicago, last Friday evening.

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SAN FRANCISCO.—England has now heard of One-Round Hogan and wants to see him in action. Gil Roag, manager of the San Francisco boy, who is matched with Harlem Tommy Murphy next Wednesday night, received a letter from Dave Levy, backer of the British lightweight, Matt Wells. Levy would like to have Hogan and Wells meet on Derby Day next May. The National Sporting Club, of London, is eager for the match, so he writes.

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SYDNEY, Australia.—As a result of the failure of Sam McVey, California heavyweight, to defeat decisively Sam Langford in their recent fight, Promoter Hugh McIntosh has called off his agreement with McVey to meet Jack Johnson.

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LIVERPOOL.—Harry Lewis and the "Dixie Kid," the American welterweight fighters, met here recently in a fast bout. Lewis showed to greater advantage and knocked out his opponent in the eighth round.

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NEW YORK.—Although officials of the National Sporting Club have not given up hope, fight fans believe there is no chance that Fireman Jim Flynn will meet Al Palzer here on February 15. Jack Johnson still refuses to permit the bout because of his antagonism toward Tom O'Rourke, who is Palzer's manager and one of the chief owners of the National Sporting Club. Flynn, it is believed, will not jeopardize his match with Johnson for the few thousand dollars he would gain in a fight with Palzer.

GREAT BASEBALL NUMBER TO BE THE MOST COMPLETE EDITION EVER PUBLISHED.

The management of The Freeman wishes to announce to its many readers and lovers of sport that in the near future a special edition of baseball and other sports will be issued. We want everyone to send in the roster of their proposed teams for the coming season, also write to us in regard to special write-ups with pictures of teams or individual players. We want all sporting fans to also take an interest in this edition, as our columns will be open for discussion on the great national game, and every fan who wishes to run his picture in that particular edition may do so by writting us. Tell who you think are the five best pitchers, catchers and batters. Who is the best all-around player. Which is the strongest colored baseball team in the country. Who is the most successful manager. Where is the best ball town. Tell whether you think there will ever be a successful baseball league.

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JOHNSON MAY TRAIN IN INDIANAPOLIS.

Talks to Saylor, the Lightweight of This City.

Milburn Saylor, the Indianapolis lightweight, was in Chicago last week, where he spent a few days visiting after his victory over Freddie Kelly. At the Saratoga Hotel the local boxer met Jack Johnson, the black heavyweight champion, who is matched to meet Jim Flynn for the heavyweight title.

Johnson told Saylor he had read a great deal about him and said if some of the white hopes could fight as well as Saylor does Jack Johnson might lose the championship.

"How's everything on the avenue, Mr. Saylor?" Johnson asked. Johnson told Saylor that he might decide to come to Indianapolis to do most of his training for his coming battle with Jim Flynn. Johnson says that he likes this city and it would be a good place to condition himself—far better than Chicago—for there is too much excitement in the Windy City for him, and it might get on his nerves.

In speaking about his coming battle with Flynn, Johnson declares that he thinks Jim Flynn is as good a fighter as Sam Langford, the "Boston Tar Baby," whom many believe the champion is afraid to meet.

Johnson told Saylor "this white meat is just as tough as the black meat," and that Flynn is one of the best men he has ever been called upon to meet in the ring.

There is a slight suspicion in the air that The Freeman will get out a special baseball number at a date not far distant.

Negro League Must be Formed.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—To the owners and promoters of baseball teams in Chicago, St. Louis, Indianplis, Louisville, French Lick Springs and Kansas City. After corresponding with some of the Negro managers in the above named cities I have decided to take the iniative in forming a Negro league. My plan is to send out a representative man well known throughout the country to the above named cities to confer with the promoters or men who are willing to promote and finance a baseball club and take out a franchise in the proposed league. After the favorite cities have been visited and responsible men have been found to represent each city, a meeting will be called to elect officers and arrange a schedule.

Each club will be required to put up $250.00 dollars good faith money before a franchise will be issued. A six club league is considered more favorable for the first season, with possibly two clubs in Chicago. Now, promoters and managers, get busy and let me hear from you within the next few days if you want to see a Negro league. By so doing the organizer will know just who to call upon when arriving in your business and can put up the required amount for franchise when the league is formed.

Yours for 1912 Negro League,
Fortune J. Weaver.
President and General Manager Afro-American Investment Co., Owner, Kansas City Royal Giants.

A SOUTHERN WHITE WOMAN SPEAKS OUT AGAINST LYNCHING.

White Men Must Not Kill Their Own Flesh and Blood—Says He Is Responsible for Conditions.

JESSUP, Ga., Jan. 29.—"I suppose amid all this hue and cry of 'Lynch 'em!' 'Klu Klux 'em!' the small voice of a dissenter will not be heard, or if heard will be shouted down as an alienist in the cause of Southern womanhood. This woman—I am a woman—is what I would make our protection, not that to suffer as Spartan martyrs, but the courage to face such things with a nerve that must daunt the wild animal lust of a 'Negro brute.' You believe and I know from experience what I shall relate—that if a woman is alone and sees a Negro she becomes frightened; he sees the condition which just his presence reduces her to, and then thoughts and purposes and deed he would never have had but for certain knowledge of the woman's fear of him. Again, the cry of rape is started by some hysterical woman when there has never been a shadow of such, only in frenzied imagination. Are we a superior race when our womanhood, from whence a nation draws its life, is afraid in the presence of a Negro? Then broadcast such fear through the papers and reap the result. Suppress such fear and the deeds and fear reduce! Who noticed after the commission of such crime, no matter how horrible the punishment meted the offender, the score that quickly follows? If lynching stops it, lynch; but it does not. Deeper than physical fear must the blow be struck. Look at the hordes of mulatto children swarming in the cities, the towns and even the country, and say how far is the white man responsible for conditions. If he stoops to the black man's woman what then when the black man dares to lift lustful eyes to the white man's woman? Can the Anglo-Saxon exterminate the children of his own blood, half-breed though they be?

"Let him who is without a blemish cast the first stone.

"Accomplished by willing interest on the white man's part—brute force by the Negro—the result is the same, outraged nature and degradation of our Southern blood. Then if riot, bloodshed and extermination must come, in the name of justice let it be by men who are fit guardians of the South's honor. I have expressed myself at considerable length, so must omit it, as possibly it would benefit no one.

"Yours for the South's honor and justice. VARA A. MAJETTE."

THE FIGHT SITUATION

Jack Johnson, The Press, Commissioner O'Neil, James J. Corbett—What Will the Result Be?

(By Juli Jones, Jr.)

From press notices the different antics of Jack Johnson, the big champion, will certainly get in wrong all the way around sooner or later, unless he changes some of his intended plans.

The first bit of news about Johnson going to fight Flynn was taken as a joke, and it's still a joke. Yet Jack Curley, Flynn's manager, has set about to arrange plans for the go. Mr. Curley has been considered by some as a man of sound judgment, but it is feared that an insane commission will have to take him in hand. It is well enough for Curley to boost Flynn's name and make him a drawing card against a lot of dubs, but when it comes down to fighting Jack Johnson—why, never! The public would not stand for the go nowhere in the world. Flynn is the biggest dub in the professional ranks; has been knocked cold by every man he has met but Carl Morris; has the reputation of knocking out Al Kaufmann. Johnson should have enough of fooling with dubs. His trouble in London with one Mr. Wells should show him that the public is against him fighting men who have no chance with him.

Things are different today from what they were before he won the championship. When a man is considered the greatest man in the world, the public wants to see some one contest against him who has a chance to defeat him.

With all of the things that were said about the great John L. Sullivan, he never looked for marks. If he did beat a few of them they were forced upon him.

As to Jim Jeffries, he was a model champion, a great booster of the game. The only mark he was ever known to beat up was that green persimmon, Jack Monroe. Jeffries fought like a man and lost like a man.

It is to be hoped that Jack Johnson wears the crown as well as the kings of the ring preceding him. It is also hoped that Jack has not spent all his money in joy riding and is now really pressed for ready cash; that he is seeking soft marks—in fact, everyone is soft him now.

Jack Johnson has been granted every wish he desired. First, to be champion of the world; to win it from Jeffries; to have a hundred thousand in cash all at once; to have automobiles; to have the whole world crying his name—the greatest ever. All of his great ambitions have come and passed, and with them some enjoyment. Let us hope he will rest easy.

Jack and the Press.

Johnson looks matters pretty squarely in the face and thanks the press for what it has done for him. In some instances it has made individual mark of some of the writers that have put Johnson where he is today. The Hearst chain of papers made him champion of the world; worked up such sentiment and continued nagging at Jeffries that he had to come out of his hole and fight.

Of course, that's sporting writers' business, and in time it will make Jack fight when the right man shows up. But he must not overlook Naughton, the coast writer. Tag the New York writer and cartoonist, also Ed. Smith, the Chicago writer. Tad did more to bring about Johnson's success than all the other writers in this country combined, except Ed. Green, of the New York Evening World, who knocked Johnson in the match through cartoons and in his writings, telling of Johnson's yellow streak, etc.

Some people seem to think the press has treated Johnson unfairly in dealing out news about him. They forget that Johnson is a pastmaster at manufacturing news; and how Jack likes to see his name in the papers, no matter what they say about him. He has as much pleasure out of the articles as the writer. The English press treated him like a prince until he got mixed up in the Wells affair, which was a sad ending. On the whole the press has undoubtedly treated Johnson fairly.

Johnson and Commissioner O'Neil.

If the press quotes Johnson correctly, he will bump into a pretty hard proposition in Commissioner O'Neil, the head chief of the boxing commissioners of New York State. O'Neil goes on record as saying that Jack Johnson shall not box or fight in New York State. Johnson comes back with a defi that, unless he is allowed to box in New York he will contest the law, fight anyhow anl make a test case out of it. In this move Johnson will defi the law and will bring trouble to his own door rather than to O'Neil, as the law reads pretty clearly to all. The boxing commissioners reserve the right to turn down any permit of any club that makes an application for a permit to hold a boxing contest. If any club should override the commissioners and hold a contest without a permit, then the participants are liable to the penalty the law inflicts—a heavy fine and imprisonment. Johnson feels that he has been discriminated against on account of his color, and he bases this belief on a rumor that bouts between colored men would be prohibited. This came from the fact that Langford and Jeanette had whipped about every white man in sight.

This condition of affairs—the supremacy of the colored fighter—should be no incentive in the minds of people who wish to be fair to prohibit colored fighters from participating in contests, no matter if the opposing fighter be white or colored. It is an injustice to the powress of the colored boxers.

As a rule, all over America and the entire world the white man makes the law, and the white man supports the boxing game to a great extent, and it is only natural that the white man should wish to see his color dominate in the supremacy of the boxing art. This same feeling exists among other races, although the colored people do not contribute as much to the game as their white friends—that is in a financial way. On the other hand, the colored man has climbed the ladder of fame in the pugilistic art and has made millions in the game. One cannot give the exact figures. It is hoped that Johnson will not lower the standard of his colored predecessors—Peter aJckson, George Godfrey, Joe Gans and others—and bring himself into bad repute by any violation of the boxing laws.

Johnson and Corbett's newspaper battle did not do Johnson any good or advanced the game any, as Corbett had all to win and nothing to lose. Corbett in his day was considered the best press worker who ever donned a glove, and is today considered a pretty good press representative. A newspaper battle with Jack Johnson will help Corbett and do Jack no good.

Johnson has too much idle time on his hands, and should put some of it to use for his own sake and the betterment of his race.

JOHNSON AND FLYNN IN ROW.

CHICAGO.—Jack Curley and Johnson got tangled up in a fine little argument which may result in the calling off of the match between the champion and Jim Flynn. Johnson is the balky party to the dispute, which is all over the Flynn-Palzer battle booked for a New York ring Februing to "put one over on him." He says he had a verbal agreement with the fireman's manager whereby neither he nor Flynn were to fight before their July battle without the consent of the ary 15. Johnson claims Curley is tryother. He is willing to let Flynn take a chance with the Iowa bearcat and wants a slice of the money before he will agree to the Gotham bout.

Curley and Flynn did make that verbal agreement in the presence of the writer, as Johnson alleges. But it was just before the signing of the articles in the Hotel Sherman a week ago last Saturday. When the articles were drawn up the agreement was omitted therein, and the papers read that neither man was to box after May 1 without permission of the other. Johnson claims Curley tricked him midst the excitement of the hotel gathering.

"I have no objection to letting Flynn fight Kubiak Wednesday night, because Tom Flanagan has the Toronto match and he is a friend of mine," said Johnson. "Then Flynn is taking no chances with Kubiak, anyway. But with Palzer it is different. I will not consent to the Palzer match unless I get some of the money. If Curley goes through with that match against my wishes I will call off my fight with Flynn. Curley agreed not to fight without my consent and then tricked me in the articles. I will not let him get away with it."

Curley, when questioned about Johnson's stand, talked as if he did not anticipate any trouble.

"There is only a slight misunderstanding," said Curley. "The articles signed by Johnson permit us to make the Palzer fight if we wish to. I am not positive that we will yet, but Johnson has no kick coming if we do. I think matters will be amicably adjusted. Though I don't see how Johnson figures he should get a share of the money for that fight."

Johnson, Flynn and Curley have not posted their $20,000 forfeits yet for the widely advertised Nevada battle. So, if Johnson wants to call negotiations off, it will be a simple matter to do so. The forfeits are not to be posted until February 16, and anything may happen before that time. Johnson is suspicious because Curley named that date, the day after the Palzer bout is scheduled, for the forfeit posting.

JEFFRIES POKES ONE AT JACK.

Will Give the Champion a Job as Porter.

LOS ANGELES.—If Jack Johnson is looking for added notoriety at the expense of Jim Jeffries he is going to be a sorely disappointed champion.

So long as Johnson indulges in his present plan of long distance shooting the only thing he will get out of the big Spring street cafe owner will be silence.

In Chicago Wednesday night Johnsonmade Jefiries the target for his daily verbal attack, among other sarcastic shafts being a blazer to the effect that "Jeffries quit at Reno. He was not out; he simply dogged it." Johnson then added "I'll bet Jeffries just $10,000 that he can't stay ten rounds with me."

When Jim arrived at his place of business yesterday he found his private office crowded with a flock of indignant friends and several sharp nosed news scouts looking for a sensational interview.

Jeffries tried hard to get away from making a statement of any kind.

"Just leave a blank space in your paper and say that the space represents what I think of the dinge," he said to one newspaper. To another he said: "Tell Jack to come to Los Angeles and I'll give him a job. I need a husky porter badly right now. The cellar hasn't been cleaned out since my Jap ran out."

"The grass must be getting pretty short for Johnson when he will go so far out of his way for a bit of publicity," continued the former champion. "I see no reason why I should dignify him with an answer. Jim Corbett made the mistake of dealing in personalities with Johnson, just what the latter was looking for, and as a result Johnson got a lot of advertising at the expense of Corbett's name. I don't believe that many fair-minded men will credit Johnson's attack on me. Certainly I don't take him seriously. If Jack were to come to the city and do his talking I would probably jab my finger in his eye the first time I met him, and he'd take the finger without a come-back of any kind. That will be about all. Just say I'm too busy attending to my business and shooting ducks to go any further into Jack's case, at least unless he gets closer to California."

A WRESTLING HE WOULD BE—JOHNSON WILL TAKE LESSONS.

CHICAGO.—The champion does not care to take off weight too fast, and this is his reason for not working every day. Jack is becoming a wrestling enthusiast, and is thinking of taking up the game.

In a letter received from Jack Curley, manager of Jim Flynn, it is stated the match will be held in Nevada, despite rumors to the contrary. If the contest cannot be staged in this country the promoter states it will be taken across the line into Canada. Curley wrote that Flynn was improving all the time, and his quick victory over Al Williams at Toronto on Wednesday night made a hit with the Canucks. Curley has called off the Flynn-Palzer match and has secured Tommy Ryan's signature to a contract to train Flynn. Curley will be in Chicago next week for a few days before starting for Salt Lake City to make the final arrangements for the fight.

Johnson is interested in the wrestling game. Tired of the fighting game and the endless arguments that it entails, coupled with the fear that authorities all over will put a damper on his appearance as a fighter, Jack wants to linger in the sporting game, and to that end will take up wrestling.

"Why, it's a great game and I'm just beginning to wake up to it," he said. "I went out to Riverview Rink last night to see the Pederson-Roller match and was hooked on right from the start I didn't miss a move that was made and stayed right there until after 12 to see the finish of the big match. I havenu't enjoyed anything like that in a long time.

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CITY AND VICINITY.

Mrs. James R. Shelton is on the sick list this week.

The Bachelors' Club entertained at a dance Thursday evening.

Send us your news, or call up 2880, New telephone, each week.

Miss Penetta Artis was on the sick list a few days last week.

Henry J. Smith, of St. Louis, Mo., is spending the week in the city.

Richard W. Wayne, of Fremont, O., is spending a few days in the city.

Mr. Jesse Clark, of Franklin, Ind., is in the city on business for a few days.

Mrs. Belle Carey, of Valparaiso, Ind., spent last Wednesday with Mrs. Welch.

Mrs. Ruby Shelton is the guest of her sister, Mrs. James R. Shelton, in California street.

Carl Marsh, a well-known performer, is in the city for a few days, visiting old acquaintances.

Charles Etter, of Middlesburg, Ky., is in the city, visiting his mother, at 403 North West street.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Conlin, of Springfield, O., have come to the city for an indefinite stay.

Mr. A. A. Whitted, of Rockville, Ind., was the guest of Mrs. J. C. Farmer, in Brightwood, last week.

A surprise whist party was given at the home of Mrs. Hurt, in Fayette street, last Monday evening.

Mrs. Missouri Merriman, formerly of this city, but now of Chicago, is in the city visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Lucindy Thomas, of 338 Middle street, has returned from the City Hospital, after a successful operation.

A special quartet will sing at St. Phillip's Church, Sunday. Rev. Brown requests that all members be present.

The leap year party given by the East End High School Girls' Lucerne Club, Friday evening, was a brilliant success.

Hartwell S. Green, a prominent lawyer at Gary, Ind., spent Wednesday here in the interest of the George Davis case.

Mrs. Lillian Henderson, of Paca street, has returned to the city, after a pleasant trip to New York and other Eastern cities.

Mr. William Cottman, of Fountain City, Ind., spent last Wednesday here, en route from Louisville, where he attended the funeral of Prof. Delaney.

Miss Edna Dickerson, who has been confined to her home for the past several months by illness, has resumed her studies at the Manual Training High School.

Mr. Elmer C. Scott, of Portland, Ore., is in the city visiting relatives and friends. He will spend several weeks in the city prior to spending several months in New York.

Marion Harrison, formerly of this city, but now of Chicago, Ill., was in the city last week, on account of the death of his brother, Benjamin Harrison. He returned home Monday night.

Mrs. William Howey left Thursday for Chicago, to attend the funeral of her cousin, Miss Ota B. Carter, who died January 24. She was the daughter of the late Washington Carter, of New Albany, Ind.

Mrs. J. T. Taylor, in Ethel avenue, entertained the Kennedia Whist Club, last Friday afternoon. First prize was won by Mrs. Julie Bennett; second prize, Mrs. Belle Hightower, and booby prize, Mrs. Helen Jefferson.

The board of directors of the Pythian Temple held a special meeting Wednesday night. The stockholders and officers representing the lodges and courts were present. The report of the past year was read. Plans for the further success of the venture were discussed.

P. W. Rodgers, a well-known real estate man of Ft. Worth, Tex., was a caller at The Freeman office last week. Mr. Rodgers was en route to New York City, where he will spend a few days on business, after which he will return to Ft. Worth, where he is a much respected citizen and owner of considerable property. He is an intimate friend of Mr. Charles Ranch, special representative of The Freeman at Ft. Worth.

CAPT. THOMAS HOWARD RETIRED.

Among those retired from the fire department this week was Captain Thomas Howard, of Hose Company No. 16. Mr. Howard was one of theF oldest members of the department and also one of the most efficient. He was appointed to the department May 22, 1876.

Mr. Howard was disabled at the time Tom Smith was killed in the street car accident. Since that time he has not been on active duty.

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Preaching, 11 a. m., by Rev. Rio Taylo Tajmaye, of Tokio, Japan, a Japanese author and traveler. At 7:30 p. m. will be preaching by the pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. The trustees have had the furnaces repaired, so that the church will be comfortably warm for services. Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D., secretary of the Freeman's Aid Society of the M. E. Church, an able and eloquent speaker, will speak at Simpson Chapel Sunday morning and evening, February 18.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

"Africa" will be the subject of J. E. Crowther, the expert on missions of the Men and Religion Forward Movement, at the "Monster Meeting," on Sunday. Mr. Crowther is the Western secretary of the Young People's Movement, and, as a speaker on missions, has few equals. He has a strong personality, and his address Sunday is being looked forward to as one of the very best that has ever been given at the "Monster Meeting." A large crowd of men is expected to hear him, as this is the only meeting that will be held by colored men during the eight-day campaign of the Men and Religion Forward Movement. The meeting will be held at the Walker Theater, 326 Indiana avenue, and the musical numbers will be given by the Y. M. C. A. Band and Quartette. All men are invited to be present. Program begins promptly at 3 p. m.

Preparations are being made for the Douglass memorial, to be held on the 18th of February at the Walker Theater, at which time it is expected that Dr. M. C. B. Mason, of Cincinnati, will be the speaker of the day. All uniformed organizations are invited to participate in the parade, which will start from the Y. M. C. A. building, headed by the Y. M. C. A. Band, to the Walker Theater. Seats will be reserved for all those participating in the parade. Every loyal and race-loving citizen is called upon to demonstrate that loyalty and race pride by turning out in large numbers on this occasion to do honor to the memory of a great Negro to whom all honor is due.

The association is at present engaged in a Membership Campaign, to increase the present membership by at least one hundred members. All persons who are not members should take out a membership at once under the two-dollar rate, as in all probability the rates will be raised very shortly. All unexpired memberships will be given due credit and honor in the new building. No red tape. Fill out membership application, pay your two dollars, and you are a member for twelve months. No other dues will be called for.

GEORGE L. KNOX SPEAKS AT CONNERSVILLE.

Addresses Missionary Society at Second M. E. Church.

Special to The Freeman.

CONNERSVILLE, Ind., January 29.—The Hon. George L. Knox, publisher of The Indianapolis Freeman, lectured here Wednesday night, January 24, at the Second M. E. Church, on the subject, "One's Life and Help to Others," before the Foreign Missionary Society. The lecture proved an interesting one and the large audience seemed to enjoy it very much. Mr. Knox said much in regard to the upbuilding of the race. He is a very influential speaker, and, although this is his second visit to this city, he has made numerous friends, who are always waiting to hear him speak. Mr. Knox was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Elizabeth Bass, at their home on Central avenue, and they regretted very much to have him leave. Our church has made considerable progress in the last two years.

Our pastor, Rev. W. C. Statesman, has paid all debts and mortgages on our church, and it is now practically out of debt. Mr. Statesman deserves high praise for his work here, owing to the fact that the church has been in debt for many years. The members now are working faithfully to prepare our pastor for the Lexington Conference, which meets at Columbus, O., March 27.

The clubs and auxiliaries are all working faithfully, and have done much in the last year to interest our young people in the church.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

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Mrs. Robert Mackey, Mrs. William Honesty, Mrs. Charles Stewart, Sr., Mrs. Henry Johnson, Mrs. Thad Wilson, Thelma Lucas, Monroe Thompson, Mrs. William Robinson and Dr. C. A. Pettiford are improving....Mrs. McDonald returned from Cary, Ill., last week....Logan Lodge, No. 4, K. of P., Company D. U. R., Louisa Edward Court, No. 30, and Consumela Stewart Court, No. 53, will have a joint installation in Foster's Hall, Wednesday evening, February 7. The exercises will be followed by a banquet. All members of each department are requested to be present....Mr. and Mrs. David Brannock returned from Natchez, Miss., last Thursday....Harold and Clarence Swinton are the guests of their aunt, Mrs. Reed, in Ellwood City, Pa....Members of the Oak Hill Avenue A. M. E. Church gave a shower for Mr. and Mrs. William Robinson, of Darrow street, Monday evening. The affair was greatly enjoyed....Mrs. Holland and Mrs. Parmer, of West Federal street, are able to be out, after their illness....The Chrysanthemum Club was entertained Monday at the home of Mrs. Joseph, by Mrs. R. B. Jackson, as the hostess. An interesting program was rendered....A number of South Side people gave a sleigh ride party to the home of Mrs. Carrie Johnson, Cornersburg, Saturday evening, and the evening was an enjoyable one, spent in music and social talks, and lunch was served at 11. The following were in the party: Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Boggess, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William Saunders, Mrs. Edward Carr, Mrs. Geo. Stanup, Mrs. Whitler, Mrs. Chanler, Mrs. Thomas Lonesome, Mr. Henry Clark, Misses Sadie Boggess, Irene Holiday, Joyie Whitney, Catherine Stanup, E. Moore. The party arrived home early Sunday morning....Oscar Boggess, Jr., and Lillian Evans were quietly married Thursday afternoon, in this city....Mrs. Dr. P. H. Simpson was taken to the City Hospital Monday morning for an operation....The Consumela Stewart Court of Calanthe, No. 53, gave a chicken supper Monday evening, and it was well attended and successful....Mrs. Robert Keer, of Foster street, is ill....Mose Bell is on the sick list....C. R. Miller is ill at the Palace Hotel....Mrs. W. J. Jefferson gave an informal dinner at 6 p. m., on the 21st. Pink and white were the predominating colors. The guests were Mrs. Irene Stewart Harris, Miss Lillian Taylor, Mrs. Estella Stewart Simpson, Mr. Robert Docket, Messrs. R. Penn, Emmet Carter and Wright. A very delicious menu was served in six courses....Covenant Lodge, No. 59, F. and A. M., will give a literary and Valentine social, Wednesday evening, February 14, at their lodge rooms, 243 East Federal street....Mrs. Estella Simpson has moved in the law offices of Attorney Thomas E. Greene, Jr., and W. J. Jefferson's real estate offices, in the Maloney block, as public stenographer.

BAY CITY, MICH.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. Henry Bowie, of Port oDver, Ont., is the guest of his brother, Mr. Mose Bowie, manager of the Maple Leaf Club. He will leave Monday, the 22d, for Port Huron and Detroit, then he will return home....Mrs. D. Fairfax entertained a few friends with cards Friday evening, after which a dainty lunch was served. Among some of the guests present were Miss Ward, Mr. Hutchings, Miss Wallace, Mr. B. Lambert, Mrs. Ashton, Mr. P. J. Hendricks and Mr. Taylor Parks....Mrs. William Miller is on the sick list.

PAST WEEK AT LOUISVILLE

Lincoln High School Soon to be Opened—Reception Tendered Rev. Munday

By Lee L. Brown.

(1006 West Chestnut Street.)

LOUISVILE, Ky., Special.

The Lincoln Colored School, said to be the finest school for colored children in the South, was opened this week. The cost of this modern building was $80,000. It will be dedicated February 12. Prof. John Bell and his assistant teachers are very proud of their new building.

The following is a list of pupils who were promoted from the grades school to the Central colored high school: Eastern Colored School, Mary Brown, Laura Britt, Viola Bullitt, MargarFet Gordon, Louella Lowery, Ada Miser, Lillian Riley, Willie Valentine, Georgia Kater.

Douglass school, Mary Foster, Verna Parker, Mamie Shaw, Sallie Cousins and Ben Stephenson.

Paul Dunbar school, John Allen, Oscar Ralston, George Smith, MaFttie Leachman, Velma Locher, Christine Huston, Marie Mayfield, Alberta Wilson.

Western Colored school, Rupert Bertelle Perry, Rudolph Singleton, Robert Taylor, Hattie Clark, Rubie Ferguson, Vernar Guinn, Lula Grigsby, Annora Simpson, and Marie Stevens.

Phillis Wheatley school, Estella Hamilton, Emma Guynn, Julia Ray and Jesse McAtee.

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Dr. Gilliard, Sr., is very ill at his residence.

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Dr. Columbus Johnson, proprietor of the Peoples' drug store, at Twelfth and Chestnut, has been confined to his bed for several days.

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Mr. P. D. Burke, the well-known undertaker of this city, was murdered last week at his place of business by a former manager of his undertaking concern.

We are glad to learn that the local Business League has decided to have a meeting.

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The Colored Orphans' Home board held a very important meeting last week in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A.

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The will of Prof. . S. Delaney was announced last week in the local papers and aside from leaving a neat sum to his wife and son, he left $500 to Wilberforce University. Prof. Delaney owned a number of very valuable pieces of property in this city.

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Miss Ida Lee, of this city, was made happy last week by being notified that a white lady living in Illinois had left her $3,000. Miss Lee states that a number of years ago while returning from school she noticed a runaway; she stopped the horse and prevented the lady from being seriously injured; the result was she thanked her and promised to reward her for the kindness. Miss Lee seems to have been born under a lucky star.

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Mrs. Ida Tindall, proprietress of the news stand at Tenth and Chestnut streets, has been ill for several days during this week.

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Several new books have recently been received at the colored branch of the Public Library. These books are by some of the best authors in the country.

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We are all waiting with patience for the announcement of the colored baseball schedule, since it has been hinted that Louisville is to have a baseball war, and that one of these teams will be a member of the new league to be formed. The fans are waiting with great interest for the season to open.

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Mr. J. H. Lewis, the popular barber at Tenth and Chestnut streets and a member of the Clay-Lewis Hotel Company, was highly entertained at a stag last week given in his honor.

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We understand that Booker T. Washington has been invited to speak at the Armory in the early spring.

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The meeting of the state central Republican committee will bring to Louisville next week a number of well-known colored Republicans who are interested in the national election next fall.

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The Pendennis boys were entertained at a seven-course dinner last week at Lawson's Restaurant on Eighth street. They were the guests of the headwaiter, Mr. Henry Bane.

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Mr. John B. Coopeh, who was formerly with the Watson Undertaking Company, has opened up an undertaking establishment at 1714 West Chestnut street. He will have all new equipment.

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Rev. Alex. Hannum, the popular pastor of Jacob Street Tabernacle Church, was chosen last week as a delegate to the Bishops' Council of the A. M. E. Church, which will meet in Kansas City during the coming month of May. This is quite a distinguished honor.

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The Cane Club is preparing to have a grand reception in the near future. These young men have secured headquarters at the Bishop Dudley Memorial, where all of their business meetings are held.

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A message was received here of the death of Rev. G. W. Boling, of Elizabethtown. He was well known all over the State, and had pastored a number of the leading Baptist churches.

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Among the latest business enterprises to be established in the city is the Johnson Three-Cent Restaurant, which has been opened by Mr. Robert Johnson at 1111 West Walnut street.

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Last week a poem was published in the columns of the Columbian from the pen of Mr. James F. Price. It seemed to attract great attention. We had no idea that Mr. Price was such an excellent poet. Keep on Price, let us have another sensational one. Anything to drive away the dull days.

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The anti-tipping measure, introduced in the lower house of the Kentucky Legislature some time ago, was passed this week. It has brought down a storm of objections, as it will affect a large number of waiters, porters, bellboys and other hotel men. It is not expected that Governor Mc Creary will sign the bill. It will be remembered that some time ago the same bill was passed by both houses and Governor Willson vetoed it.

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The class of 1900, under the leadership of Mr. Charles Preston, held a very important meeting last Monday night in the lecture room of the Public Library. They are planning in the near future to give their annual reception, which was such a novelty last year. As stated in these columns some time ago, we hope that all of the classes that have graduated from Central High School will form class organizations.

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Mr. J. G. Groves, of Edwardsville, Kan. well known the country over as "The Potato King," addressed a very large audience at the Quinn chapel church last Tuesday evening. Mr. Groves, who is a prosperous farmer and said to be rated in Kansas City at $350,000, recently purchased in Jefferson county ten car loads of seed potatoes for his farm in Kansas.

St. James Lodge, No. 21, U. B. F., will celebrate Lincoln's birthday with a grand entertainment at their hall, Ninth and Magazine.

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We had all looked forward to the debate between the boys of the Central high school and the boys from the State University. We have received the information that the university boys have backed out. It seems as if the boys from Central will have to cross the Ohio to find suitable talent to debate with. Last year the university boys backed out and refused to debate with the boys. Shame on ou, dear old State University, why not be brave and give the boys a chance?

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Quinn chapel is filled with a large number of energetic set of young men who are doing every thing in their power to promote the welfare of the church. A number of months ago a Brotherhood organization was formed in the church having as its officers and members some of the leading men in the church. The Brotherhood will conduct special exercises on ebruary 14th, Lincoln's birthday. Mr. William Worley, who is the chairman of the program committee, is using every effort to have a very interesting program.

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A grand reception was given last Friday evening at the new U. B. F. hall, in honor of Rev. J. M. Munday, of Henderson, Ky., who is the grand master of the Masons. The assembly hall was filled with an appreciative audience. There was a very excellent program rendered, mingled with several musical selections. The chief address was by the grand chancellor, Rev. Munday, who is indeed an excellent orator. His address was received with hearty applause by all present. Prof. Wm. Perry, principal of the Western school, served as toastmaster. After the program the guests were invited to the dining room, where a delicious repast was served by Durham Brothers, of Tenth and Chestnut streets. Rev. Munday's visit to the city and to the local lodges will never be forgotten by those who listened to his eloquent address. He is filled with enthusiasm to make his term of office better than any of the rest. He is an excellent scholar and the right man in the right place.

ANNUAL CLINIC

At Meharry Medical College—Dr. Dan Williams to Make Annual Visit.

Special to The Freeman.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—On Monday of next week Dr. Daniel H. Williams, the noted surgeon and physician, will arrive in this city to conduct his annual clinic at Meharry Medical College. He will be the guest of Dr. Hubbard, dean of the school, and will be here for a week. He will be in consultation with Drs. Boyd, Stewart, Roman and others who are members of Meharry faculty.

The attendance at the medical department of Walden University is larger this year than ever, there being an enrollment of 550 students. The clinic is expected to be a large one. Physicians are coming from various sections of the South, bringing patients for operation. The interest at Meharry this year is greater than ever, for the grade of work is attracting the attention of friends in all parts of the country. Mr. Cary B. Lewis, Chicago, and staff correspondent of The Freeman, is expected in the city.

Mr. Henry Allen Boyd, of the Nashville Globe, and assistant secretary of the National Baptist Publishing Board, has returned to the city from a trip to Toronto, Canada. He was in company with his father and several other well-known Baptist ministers of the city.

Mr. A. N. Johnson, the popular undertaker and theatrical promoter, is making great headway here. He is an excellent financier and business man.

DALLAS, TEXAS.

Judge Miller Issues Decree in Court That All Laws Must Be Obeyed by All Classes—Satuation Some Better—Hospital Full of Patients at the Present Time.

Champaign, Ill., Special.

The agony of the city teachers is a thing of the past as they were all paid last Saturday for their services during the seige of meningitis, and the public schools are scheduled to open next Monday if conditions are no worse, which is gratifying to the public in general. This was the vote of the school board in its business session recently held....Judge Barrymiller goes on record to stop gambling in the city according to law, but requests that juries bring in a verdict finding white men guilty of the offense just the same as defenseless ignorant Negroes who are charged with the same offense in his court. This scored a victory and brought first blood. Such a noted jurist will make all classes respect the law at all times....Mr. J. H. Robinson has purchased an up-to-date transfer outfit and asks a part of your business in that line....The wedding of Mr. James Henry and Mrs. Hattie Shropshire was solemnized last Sunday evening at the home of the bride on Clark street, in the presence of a large number of their friends, who wish them a merry sail over the matrimonial sea. They received several presents....Since the last issue we have had several deaths of well-known people here from spinal meningitis. Caution is yet being asked as a slogan by the authorities and the doctors over the State as well as in this city. It is up to the authorities to enforce the various ordinances recently passed to secure the better conditions of the health of the city and the whole people. Spitting on the sidewalks and in public places is subject to a fine now, and several have been fined, so don't you be the next one fined. The dust nuisance is to be a thing of the past in all parts of the city which will mean an increase in the capacity of the sanitary department....The poll tax payers went the limit, but there are some who failed to do their duty to that wife and little ones and can not vote on the important questions that are to come up this year at the various elections....All lodges and churches have begun meetings, but it is with much caution....The time to secure The Freeman is now. One whole year for one dollar. See J. G. Griffin, 800 Main street, when in Dallas, Texas, and have it sent to your home, anywhere, same as in the city....Plumes curled and cleaned, French Willow made from your old ones. All work guaranteed. Factory 2702 San Jacinto street, Dallas, Texas. Aline Clifton Williams, proprietress.

MUNCIE (IND.) NEWS.

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Miss Anes White, of Chicago, is visiting her parents....There was a stag party given at the Favorite ice cream parlor Thursday night, February 1st, by a party of young men of the city. They had an enjoyable time....Remember, if any one wants to subscribe for The Freeman for one year now is the time. Regular rate, $1.50; during the month of February, $1....Prof. Tyre, of Indianapolis, representative of The Freeman, is in the city on business and will probably stay here two weeks......The Four Leaf Club gave a progressive luncheon Saturday evening, January 27th, at the home of Mrs. Nickens, in Whitely, after which different courses were served at different residences....At Calvary Baptist church, the Rev. Mitchell took for his subject, on Sunday morning, "The Stability of the Church." February 11th will be the baptizing day at the Calvary Baptist church....There is still sickness here. Solomon Mays, of 615 Kirby avenue, is sick. Mrs. Howard Keith is convalescing......Miss Nettie Ferger, trained nurse of Cincinnati, has returned home....The revival meeting has started at the Trinity M. E. church, Rev. Carpenter, pastor....Mrs. Robert Marsey entertained in honor of her hunband's thirtieth birthday anniversary at her home, 1007 East Jackson stret....Look out for Mr. FS. H. Dudley and his favorites, who will be in the city to spend one night at the Wysor Grand. Be ye ready for one of the best black comedians on the road. He is playing in a play entitled "Dr. Beans From Boston."....Mr. William Hampton, of Hamilton, was in the city on business. He is a manufacturer of the Hamilton tire and inner tube for automobiles. He stopped at the Pekin Hotel, but has now returned home....William Frazier, of Marion, is visiting in Muncie....Mr. Bailey, of Indianapolis, is down sick at the Pekin hoteFl....Go to the avorite ice cream parlor to get your candies, ice cream soda, etc.

BALTIMORE (MD.) NEWS.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. James Holley, of 1730 Prestman street, in service of the Blue Line train, as porter, from Baltimore to New York, on returning home found a fine baby boy....Mr. Brown, the expert barber, of 321 South Howard street, who has been very ill, is improving......Mr. O. Bailey is matched for a ten-round bout with Walter Kier for a small purse. The event will be at the Young Men's Club, on February 4.

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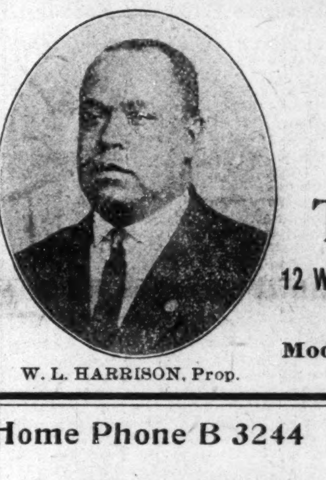

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